



# MESA's 48th Annual Meeting

## Washington DC

### November 22-25



## PRELIMINARY PROGRAM



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Every three years, MESA heads to our nation's capital to hold its annual scholarly gathering. This year we are at MESA's familiar home, the Washington Marriott Wardman Park Hotel, located in a splendid residential area with lots of restaurants and shops. The Woodley Park/Zoo-Adams Morgan stop on the Metro red line is conveniently located within steps of the MWP's front door.

We gather in Washington to share research, nurture old friendships and, yes, to commiserate. A program of 270+ sessions, squeezed into 12 panel time slots, begins on Saturday, November 22 at 5:30pm and ends on Tuesday, November 25 at 3:30pm. The program is enormous by MESA standards and is varied. MESA's Committee for Undergraduate Middle East Studies is organizing an undergraduate research workshop to take place on Saturday, November 22. A poster session of the participants' work will be held in the afternoon just before panels begin and is open to attendees. A just-added pre-program session scheduled for Saturday, November 22 from 3:30-5:30pm will focus on academic freedom, free speech, and faculty governance, with the recent situation of Dr. Steven Salaita and the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign being the impetus. What does it all mean for Middle East studies scholars? On Sunday, November 23 from 2-4pm there will be a Presidential Forum on the Boycott, Divestment & Sanction movement. Following this past summer's violence in Gaza, some scholars have debated whether and how to respond on both an individual and a collective basis. Calls to support the BDS movement have grown. At this special session, conference attendees will have an opportunity to learn about and discuss the issues surrounding BDS in a moderated, open forum. The program will feature current events sessions on ISIS in Iraq and Syria and the violence in Gaza, as well as a session that looks at policy relevance and the public role of academics. Things designed with students and/or junior colleagues in mind include a skill-building workshop on turning dissertations into books and one that will address the issue of how to transform scholar speak into language that works in a public setting. There is something for everyone on this year's program and plenty of it to boot!

And, of course, no MESA annual meeting would be complete without our wonderful vendors in the Book Bazaar and exciting new films screening in the FilmFest. A list of exhibitors and a FilmFest preview can be found on the annual meeting pages on MESA's website (and there's a FilmFest teaser on page 7 of this program). MESA's affiliated groups that specialize on particular countries or regions hold their annual meetings on Saturday, November 22. A complete list of offerings is available on page 8.

MESA's president, Nathan Brown, shares with us his lovely biography on page 5. If you see him in the halls of MESA, ask him about his soccer loyalty or about the time his family spent in Malaysia when he was a young lad of 11 years!

Finally, we remind members that the latest annual meeting information and association news is always available on MESA's website at [mesana.org](http://mesana.org). Click on the 2014 annual meeting logo from the front page to keep abreast of annual meeting developments.

## Hotel



**Washington Marriott Wardman Park Hotel**  
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### Book on-line:

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### Special Convention Rate

**Cutoff Date  
October 24**

\$194 single/double  
\$204 triple  
\$204 quad  
(plus room tax of 14.5%)



## Registration

To preregister for the MESA 2014 annual meeting, log-in to your myMESA account, click "Payments" and follow the prompts. Or, complete the registration form found at <http://mesa.arizona.edu/pdf/14regform.pdf> and return it along with payment to the MESA Secretariat. Pre-registration is recommended as onsite registration rates are higher. The preregistration deadline is **October 15, 2014**.

Category	Preregistration	Onsite
full/associate	\$110	\$130
student member	\$70	\$90
student non-member	\$90	\$110
Other non-members	\$140	\$160

## Travel

Three airports serve the DC area. The closest to the hotel is the Ronald Reagan Washington National Airport. MESA has partnered with SuperShuttle (SS) to offer attendees discounts on ground transportation. The discounts are \$2 off a one way ticket and \$5 off a roundtrip ticket from Reagan National (normal cost \$14 each way) and Baltimore-Washington (normal cost \$37 each way), and \$1 off a one way ticket and \$3 off a roundtrip ticket from Dulles (normal cost \$29 each way). Most who use SuperShuttle will take a shared van from the airport to the hotel although more expensive exclusive vans and ExecuCars are available. Book SuperShuttle online or via phone and use the group code: **FQCRP**. See SuperShuttle's flier on the back page of this document for further information.

### Ronald Reagan Washington National Airport (DCA)

- \* <http://www.metwashairports.com/reagan/reagan.htm>
- \* Located just across the Potomac River from the Nation's Capital.
- \* 9 miles from hotel.
- \* Estimated taxi fare: \$21
- \* Estimated subway fare: \$3.35

The hotel is located next to the Woodley Park Metro stop on the Red Line. Reagan National is located on the Ronald Reagan Washington National Airport stop on the Yellow Line. (transfer station from Yellow and Red line is at the Gallery Place/Chinatown stop.)



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### Dulles International Airport (IAD)

- \* <http://www.metwashairports.com/dulles/dulles.htm>
- \* Located 26 miles from downtown Washington, DC.
- \* 25 miles from hotel.
- \* Estimated taxi fare: \$70
- \* Metrobus 5A to Rosslyn Metro station; Blue line to Metro Center station; transfer to Red line: \$9.95

### Baltimore/Washington International Thurgood Marshall Airport (BWI)

- \* Located 33 miles from Nation's Capital.
- \* 33 miles from hotel.
- \* Estimated taxi fare: \$90 -100
- \* Metrobus B30 to Greenbelt Metro station; Green line to U Street Metro station; U St & 13th St NW bus to NW Calvert St & NW Connecticut Ave; walk .04 mile to hotel: \$13.10



## Instructions for Paper Presenters

## Book Bazaar

### Upload a copy of your paper to myMESA by October 15, 2014

Please upload a copy of your paper to the myMESA system so that your co-panelists, especially the chair/discussant, will have access to it. No one else will be able to view your paper except for your co-panelists. Papers need not be the final copy; drafts are fine. There is no suggested paper length. Your topic and your depth of coverage should determine its length. Plan to present a truncated version of your paper at your panel.

1. Log-in to myMESA (<http://mymesa.arizona.edu>).
2. Click the "Annual Meeting" button.
3. Click the "Paper Abstract" button (shows up once you click the annual meeting button).
4. Click the "Submit/Update full paper" button.
5. Under "Upload your attachment" click the "browse" button.
6. Locate your file on your computer by navigating to the directory where the file is located.
7. Once the name of your file appears in the box next to the "browse" button, click the "Save and back to abstract" button.
8. Your file has now been uploaded.
9. Log-out.

Want to upload a newer copy later? Repeat above.

### Planning for your presentation

The best way to combat nerves is to be prepared. Remember, the people in the audience are there because they want to hear what *you* have to say. Prepare a summary of your paper for your presentation, which should last for no more than 20 minutes. Typically, 10-12 double-spaced typed pages will take 20 minutes to read. Practice and time yourself to make sure your presentation will fit in the allotted time. Be as dynamic as you can; a little humor goes a long way. Shy away from monotone presentations that will put the audience to sleep. A skilled presenter will achieve a balance between reading the text and making eye contact with the audience. Most of all, relax and enjoy your moment.

## No Show Policy

We understand that things come up at the last minute that prevent a participant from attending the meeting. As a courtesy to your co-panelists, please notify MESA if you cannot attend the meeting. If you are scheduled to participate in the annual meeting in any capacity and you don't show up and haven't informed the MESA Secretariat, you will be considered a 'no-show' and will not be eligible to participate in the next year's meeting. A no-show is someone who is not physically present at his/her panel at the conference and hasn't notified the MESA Secretariat beforehand.

Arguably the largest display of Middle East studies titles anywhere, MESA's annual book bazaar will include old and new friends—university presses, small publishing houses, independent book sellers, and even artisans sharing their talents. All will gather in DC for a three-day festival of books. The book bazaar will be open 9-6 Sunday and Monday (Nov. 23 and 24) and 8-12 on Tuesday (Nov. 25). Visit MESA's website for a list of exhibitors.

You don't have to rent space to exhibit at the MESA meeting. For \$40 per title, publications can be placed on view in MESA's Cooperative Book Display. This is an ideal arrangement for individuals, independent authors, and small presses with few Middle East studies titles.

If you would like additional information about exhibiting at MESA 2014, please visit MESA's website or contact Rose Veneklasen at [rose@mesana.org](mailto:rose@mesana.org) or 520-621-5850.

## Roommates

If you are interested in sharing a room at the Marriott Wardman Park Hotel during the MESA annual meeting, please visit MESA's website at <http://mesa.arizona.edu/annual-meeting/roommates.html>. MESA maintains a "roommates wanted" page on its website where those wanting to share rooms can find each other.



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## Panel Chairs Invited

Volunteers are invited to chair non-preorganized panels at the MESA 2014 annual meeting. For a list of available panels, please visit MESA's website at [mesana.org](http://mesana.org), click on the DC logo, and then on "panel chairs." Email your choices to Mark Lowder at [mark@mesana.org](mailto:mark@mesana.org).

Before you volunteer, please note that MESA membership and annual meeting pre-registration are required of all meeting participants.

## The Scoop on Thematic Conversations and Roundtables

**Thematic Conversations** offer an alternative place to pose new questions for research, explore new trends and approaches to old questions, meet like-minded scholars, and engage in open academic exchange in an unstructured space. The conversations have a session leader and discussants who set the agenda for the conversation. They are (un)structured to provide for maximum participation from those in attendance, and there are no formal presentations. Seating is limited to 30 people.

**Roundtables** promote informed discussion and debate concerning the current state of scholarship in particular fields, work currently in progress or the particular problems involved in the employment of new approaches, new models, etc. The roundtable format lends itself to open discussion in an atmosphere where participants provide their points of view and engage the audience in active discussion. Participants do not prepare papers and do not lecture to the audience. Seating is restricted to 25-30 maximum.

## Child Care

MESA can help parents find a local provider and will reimburse half of the cost of day care services up to a maximum of \$200 for the conference. Upon request, the Secretariat will be happy to post contact information of parents who want to share sitting services during the meeting. For further information, please contact Rose Veneklasen at [rose@mesana.org](mailto:rose@mesana.org) or 520 621-5850.

## MESA Members Meeting

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**Date:** Monday, November 24  
**Time:** 1:00pm-2:30pm  
**Location:** Marriott Wardman Park Hotel  
Room TBA

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The members meeting is an annual meeting of the membership open to all members. Voting is restricted to full and student MESA members. The meeting mainly consists of reports (see sample agenda below right). Where members play an important role is in voting for the Nominating Committee and on any resolutions that are being presented. A member in good standing can add names to the list of people who will be invited to run for the Nominating Committee, to augment those proposed by MESA's Board.

### Quorum

A minimum of 35 voting-eligible members must be in attendance for votes to be taken. Failing that, the meeting can be held but votes cannot be taken.

### Resolutions

When important issues are before the membership, resolutions are sometimes presented at the members meeting. Resolutions can originate from MESA's Board or from the membership. For resolutions to be acted upon at the 2014 Members Meeting, they must be in the hands of the MESA Secretariat by **November 7, 2014**. Instructions for submitting resolutions can be found in MESA's Bylaws which are posted on MESA's website at [mesana.org](http://mesana.org).

### Sample Agenda

- I. Call to Order
- II. Report of the Executive Director
- III. In Memoriam and Moment of Silence
- IV. 2014 Election of Officers Results
- V. Nominating Committee Vote and Call for Names
- VI. IJMES Report
- VII. RoMES Report
- VIII. Committee on Academic Freedom Report
- IX. Unfinished Business (if tabled from last meeting)
- X. New Business
- XI. Adjournment



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DEPARTMENT OF POLITICAL SCIENCE

### Endowed Chair in Kurdish Political Studies

The Department of Political Science invites applicants for a tenured position at the rank of Associate or Full Professor for the Jalal Talabany Chair for Kurdish Political Studies beginning August, 2015. Applicants must have a strong research record in Kurdish political studies with broader interests in Middle Eastern and comparative politics or international relations; a Ph.D. in Political Science or a related field from an accredited institution; and a strong record in teaching and research that is commensurate with a tenured position in the Political Science Department at UCF. Salary is highly competitive.

Interested applicants must apply using the UCF online application system at <https://www.jobswithucf.com> by January 15, 2015. Applicants must submit a letter of application, curriculum vitae, graduate transcript, a statement of research interests, and names and contact information for three references. Materials can be uploaded to the website, emailed to [Politics@ucf.edu](mailto:Politics@ucf.edu), or mailed to: Attn: Kurdish Political Studies Professor Search Chair, Department of Political Science, University of Central Florida, 4297 Andromeda Loop N., Howard Phillips Hall 302, Orlando, FL 32816. If mailed, all materials must be postmarked no later than January 15, 2015. Questions can be addressed to Dr. Roger Handberg, Kurdish Political Studies Professor Search Committee Chair, [Roger.Handberg@ucf.edu](mailto:Roger.Handberg@ucf.edu) or at the mail address above. The University of Central Florida is a research-intensive university with an enrollment in excess of 60,000 students. Information about UCF may be found at [www.ucf.edu](http://www.ucf.edu). UCF is an equal opportunity/affirmative action employer. All qualified applicants are encouraged to apply, including minorities, women, veterans and individuals with disabilities. As a Florida public university, UCF makes all application materials and selection procedures available to the public upon request. <http://www.jobswithucf.com/postings/40046>



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# Presidential Biography



**Nathan J. Brown**  
George Washington University

## Presidential Address

Sunday, November 23 – 7:30pm  
Sultan Qaboos Cultural Center  
1100 16th St. NW

I suspect I am hardly the only member of MESA who prompts one of three replies from a new acquaintance who discovers my profession. The first is that I find myself receiving a lecture about the Middle East; I generally restrain the urge to explain that I have just been given without charge what I am paid a handsome salary to deliver. The second reply is to exclaim “What an interesting time to be studying the Middle East!” as if there has ever been a boring time. But it is the third response, a question, that gives me the most trouble: “How did you get interested in the Middle East?” The truth is very muddled and mixes in large doses of serendipity and coincidence with smaller but very real doses of fear, intimidation, curiosity, frustration, and determination.

I grew up near the campus of the University of Washington in Seattle, where my father taught as a neurophysiologist and my mother worked nearby as a pediatric nurse. That led to almost no contact with anything Middle Eastern. My father was Jewish and my mother was Catholic; that led to some vague political interest on my father’s part in Israeli affairs, but the main thing that caused him to pass on to me was a soccer loyalty. (The Dutch wartime sheltering of Jews led him to follow the 1974 World Cup when the Netherlands lost to West Germany, an event to which virtually no other American paid the slightest attention. I still cheer on the Dutch team.) If dinner table discussions took an intellectual turn it was likely about science or technology (where my father made odd claims about computers soon becoming household objects) or perhaps history. Religion and politics received little comment. I vaguely recall that a neighbor was a member of the UW’s faculty teaching Persian and I more clearly remember a classmate named Deena who was of Palestinian descent, but I never spoke with either about the Middle East.

I did become interested in other countries and cultures beyond those of the Pacific Northwest when my family relocated to Malaysia for a year in 1969; on that trip we also visited Angkor Wat, Bangkok, Tokyo, Hong Kong, Jerusalem, Athens, Paris, London, and New York. All struck me as fascinating, though primarily for their exoticism (New York as much as Bangkok, I have to admit). The fact that we were in Malaysia during a state of emergency and violent race riots or that our trip to Cambodia came months before that country’s deep descent into invasion and civil war did not escape my consciousness but neither did they attract that much of my attention. And the one Middle Eastern location visited—Jerusalem—deeply interested me but seemed at that point one exotic locale among many others.

But when it came time to select my first courses as a freshman at the University of Chicago in the fall of 1976, I came up with the original idea that it might be an interesting time to study the Middle East. War, oil embargo, diplomacy, and political violence—Middle Eastern news had taken up considerable space on the pages of the newspaper I had grown up reading, the *Seattle Post-Intelligencer*. Maybe a college course would help me understand what all the fuss was about.

My freshman adviser suggested I attend the first meeting of “International Relations of the Middle East” and then speak with the professor afterwards to find out if it was appropriate for a student straight out of high school. However, when Leonard Binder began what turned out to be a bit of a seminar, it became horrifyingly clear that I had made a tremendous mistake. One-third of those in the room were graduate students. One wore tweed and smoked a pipe; another sprinkled complicated English sentences with foreign words; and a third began a contribution with the utterly indecipherable comment: “When I was

working in Foggy Bottom, the feeling on the seventh floor was...” I did not know what “Foggy Bottom” was, but I suspected it was not an appropriate term to use in educated discussion. I needed to get out. My problem was that in order to drop the class, I would need Binder’s signature. That was clearly impossible. I did try. In fact, on one occasion I got quite close to the professor before darting away in fear. So I was stuck.

I stayed with the class, writing down strange terms and looking them up when I got to the library. I studied a map so I could tell Lebanon and Libya apart. Sufi and Shi’i were a bit more difficult, but I did my best. By the end of the course, I felt drawn in sufficiently to select “Islamic Civilization” for my “non-Western civ” requirement. This was a three quarter class taught by Stephen Humphreys but bringing in guest lecturers like Fazlur Rahman and John Woods. I took a liking to the material in part because none of these illustrious scholars had to know who I was: this was a lecture course so I could sit quietly and listen. If I needed help, we had a gentle TA named Bruce Masters who could guide us in writing papers. Still I was frustrated: every single quarter, I found that despite giving my written work a few terse compliments, Humphreys always chose to describe my final paper as “turgid.”

By the time I decided to attend graduate school in political science at Princeton, I was sufficiently interested in the Middle East to enroll in beginning Arabic. I was more than a little surprised when I purchased the required textbook and discovered it was written by Deena’s father, Farhat Ziadeh of the University of Washington. (I asked my father if he knew Ziadeh and it turned out the two had served on some campus committee together. He described Ziadeh as “reasonable,” one of the traits my late father most admired in other human beings.)

Arabic was not easy, but I did discover that if I brought the same determination I

had to learning the strange phrases of my classmates in Binder's class, I could make slow progress. And in my other course work focusing on the Middle East—with John Waterbury, Carl Brown, and Manfred Halpern—I found myself growing more interested in regional politics. It was clear I would write a dissertation on a topic involving something, somewhere in the Arab world; when Carl Brown asked me how much time I had spent there, I was forced to confess I had never been. Off I was sent for language study and field work.

I lived for two years in Cairo, studying on CASA, conducting research for my dissertation, and traveling a bit around the region. This was a time when such an extended overseas trip attenuated ties much more than it does today—now forgotten things like aerogrammes, shortwave radios, and (three-day delayed) Herald Tribunes allowed for maintaining some cultural and personal ties, but I found myself more thoroughly immersed in parts of Egyptian society than I had expected. My research was largely historical (in libraries and archives), with my colleagues and social networks partly Egyptian.

But even after two years in which I was training to be an expert on the Arab world, I continued to be struck by how much even the parts of Cairo that I came to know consisted of many overlapping worlds that I could only understand and penetrate to a limited extent. I think I became convinced from that experience—and I continue to be convinced today—that when we do our job well, it is more to aid by building bridges that facilitate understanding than by being sources of expertise and information ourselves.

I returned back to Princeton to write up my dissertation; I then interviewed for a visiting position at Wesleyan University. I was offered the position perhaps largely due to the calming effect a member of the audience had on me when I delivered my first job talk—Bruce Masters, who had joined the history faculty.

A year after that experience I had an interview in a neighborhood whose name had so confused me a decade earlier—Foggy Bottom. I joined the George Washington University in the fall of 1987 and have taught there ever since. From the beginning it was a fortunate place to be—GW and the Washington locale offered significant student interest, some local resources (such as the Library of Congress), a steady stream of visitors, and a community of colleagues.

Washington is also, of course, a policy-oriented city, though that did not spark much of my interest at first. The sorts of things that absorbed the attention of my academic work—the historical evolution of modes of governance and legal institutions, for instance—were not obviously connected with policy debates about the Israeli-Palestinian conflict or the Iran-Iraq war. I would sometimes participate in policy discussions at the margins but generally only by happenstance. In 1988, right after arriving, I received a call from a journalist who was writing a profile of William Quandt, then president of MESA and also a scholar at the Brookings Institution. I had nothing of interest to say—I had read some of his writings in Binder's and Waterbury's classes but I had never met him, and he clearly traveled in policy circles far from mine. So I uttered a polite but vague description of him ("he has the respect of both the policy and academic communities and those things are very hard to combine") as a way of ending the call. I was a bit startled—and I learned my lesson that anything you say to a journalist can be quoted—when I received a copy of the article in the mail with my flattery very much part of the story. I pictured Quandt himself reading it and asking himself, "Who is Nathan Brown and why is he saying nice things about me?" When I finally met him fifteen years later, he did not deny that thought.

In the ensuing years, my institution has evolved, as have my interests. GW is now the location for the Institute of Middle East Studies, a first-rate center for work on the region; in the past decade we have begun to attract the strongest possible faculty, undergraduates, MA, and PhD students interested in the Middle East.

And I no longer avoid policy discussions. Actually, I have the sensation that they came to meet me, not the other way around. I still

remember sitting in my car waiting to pick up my children from summer camp in 2002 when I heard George Bush give his opinion on Palestinian constitutional issues, an interest of mine hitherto as lonely in the US as my father's interest in soccer in the early 1970s. Suddenly governance and legal issues were part of broad international and policy discussions.

In 2005, I took off two years to serve full time at a Washington think tank, the Carnegie Endowment for International Peace, where I still have an affiliation. It was a wonderful way to get my feet wet. Since Carnegie afforded me considerable freedom to research and write as I liked; I found ways to translate my academic interests into terms relevant to policy discussions rather than have those discussions dictate my interests. I also found that such discussions often can be international if one tries—much of Washington policy debate is inward looking and self-referential to be sure, but there are real opportunities to contribute to and be educated by discussions in Europe and the Middle East.

The role of scholars in such discussions is somewhat controversial within the academy. The platitude I uttered about Quandt is actually quite true—it is difficult to combine participation in policy debates with purely academic work in a manner that draws the respect of both worlds. I cannot say that I succeed but I can report that when I conceive of my role as interpretation and translation rather than as prescription or technical expertise, I feel less tension. But I think that is in part because my teachers—even those who were unaware of my often timid presence in their classrooms—instilled in me a sense of how to keep my feet planted firmly in scholarly integrity, intellectual debates, and academic approaches and to have a scholar's humility about the finality of any pronouncements I might be called upon to deliver.



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# 2014 FILM FEST preview

November may seem far off but the FilmFest committee is busy making selections. As you've come to expect we'll have a variety of features and documentaries on a range of subjects. Again this year, shorts by emerging Middle Eastern film makers provide glimpses into youth perspectives on their lives. Here are a few films you'll find on the program.

## Killing Her is a Ticket to Paradise

Photo courtesy of Khadija Al-Salami



Teacher and blogger Boushra Al-Maqtari was an activist in the 2011-12 uprising that overthrew Yemen's president. But she was disappointed with the post revolution government and blogged about her disillusionment. This public critique resulted in a fatwa promising paradise to whoever kills her. Khadija Al-Salami's **Killing Her is a Ticket to Paradise** follows Boushra as she lives with the omnipresent threat of death.



## Tinghir-Jerusalem



Photo courtesy of Icarus Films

In recent years the history of Moroccan Jews has attracted academic and video attention. Kamal Hachkar grew up in the Berber village of Tinghir and his film, **Tinghir-Jerusalem**, explores the history of its Jewish quarter. Hachkar introduces what is left of the Jewish community in Morocco and follows some of the émigrés to Israel. This is a film about identity and Jewish-Muslims relations.

## When I Saw You



Photo courtesy of Annemarie Jacir

**When I Saw You** is Annemarie Jacir's latest award-winning feature film. The story is set in 1967 as thousands of Palestinians pour into temporary refugee camps in Jordan. Eleven-year-old Tarek, the central character, struggles to adjust to his new life. Eventually he finds people who can help him in his new circumstances.

## Kismet



Photo courtesy of Women Make Movies

Turkish soap operas are role models for local and regional viewers. By openly addressing sexual and domestic violence, arranged and child marriages and honor killings, the soaps have sparked change in gender relationships, activism against sexual abuse, and increased female initiated divorce. **Kismet** illustrates how the soaps have altered viewers' lives.

## Karama Has No Walls



Photo courtesy of Cinema Guild

Sara Ishaq's **Karama Has No Walls** focuses on a tragic event in the Yemeni uprising against Ali Abdallah Saleh's rule. The film highlights the tenacity and courage of the protesters and the cameramen. Karama was originally screened in the 2012 FilmFest. This slightly longer version was a finalist for the 2014 Short Documentary Academy Award.

## A Siege of Salt and Sand



Photo courtesy of ST McNeil

It has been several years since the FilmFest addressed environmental issues. **A Siege of Salt and Sand** examines the impact of global warming on Tunisia. This just completed film allows effected Tunisians to present how rising sea levels, desertification and government policy are making life in Gabes oasis almost impossible.

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# Meetings in Conjunction

♦**AMIDEAST**—America-Mideast Educational and Training Services  
*Saturday, 11/22*

**Education Abroad Academic Consortium Meeting**, 2-3:30pm, Maryland A (L)

♦**AATA**—American Association of Teachers of Arabic  
*Saturday, 11/22*

**Executive Board Meeting**, 9am-12nn, Park Tower Suite 8210 (L)  
**Panel**, 1-3pm, Virginia A (L)  
**Business Meeting**, 3:30-4:30pm, Virginia A (L)

♦**AATP**—American Association of Teachers of Persian  
*Saturday, 11/22*

**General Meeting**, 2-3pm, Taft (M)  
**Workshop**: "Content-based Instruction and Task-based Language Teaching and Their Applications in Persian Instruction and Development Materials," 3-5pm, Taft (M)  
**Awards Ceremony**, 5-6pm, Taft (M)

♦**AATT**—American Association of Teachers of Turkic Languages  
*Saturday, 11/22*

**Business Meeting**, 10-11pm, Harding (M)

♦**AllrS**—American Institute of Iranian Studies  
*Saturday, 11/22*

**Board Meeting**, 2-4pm, Park Tower Suite 8219 (L)



♦**AIMS**—American Institute for Maghrib Studies  
*Saturday, 11/22*

**Board Meeting**, 8:30am-1:30pm, Maryland A (L)  
**Business Meeting**, 4-5:30, Roosevelt I (E)

♦**AIYS**—American Institute for Yemeni Studies  
*Saturday, 11/22*

**Board Meeting**, 4-6pm, Cleveland 2 (M)  
**General Meeting**, 7-8pm, Tyler (M)

♦**AUB**—American University of Beirut  
*Saturday, 11/22*  
**Reception**, 8:30-10:30pm, Virginia B (L)



♦**AUC**—American University in Cairo  
*Saturday, 11/22*  
**Reception**, 8:30-10:30pm, Delaware A (L)

♦**AUC-P**—American University in Cairo Press  
*Monday, 11/24*  
**Arabic Language Program Information Session**, 11am-12nn, Taft (M)



♦**AASA**—Arab American Studies Association  
*Saturday, 11/22*  
**Board Meeting**, 1-2pm, Tyler (M)  
**Business Meeting**, 2-3pm, Tyler (M)

♦**AGAPS**—Association for Gulf and Arabian Peninsula Studies  
*Saturday, 11/22*

**Board Meeting**, 11am-2pm, Johnson (M)  
**General Business Meeting**, 2-4pm, Harding (M)  
**Happy Hour Reception**, 4-7pm, Petits Plats, 2653 Connecticut Ave. NW

♦**AIS**—Association for Israel Studies  
*Saturday, 11/22*  
**Reception**, 8:30-10:30pm, McKinley (M)

♦**AMEA**—Association for Middle East Anthropology  
*Saturday, 11/22*  
**Board Meeting**, 5-6pm, Park Tower Suite 8223 (L)  
**Membership Meeting**, 6-6:30pm, Park Tower Suite 8223 (L)

♦**AMEWS**—Association for Middle East Women's Studies  
*Saturday, 11/22*

**Board Meeting**, 3-5pm, Park Tower Suite 8224 (L)  
**Members Meeting**, 7:30-8:30pm, Taft (M)  
**Dinner**, 8:30-11pm, Coolidge (M)  
*Monday, 11/24*  
**Open Reception**, 8:30-10pm, Wilson A (M)

♦**ASPS**—Association for the Study of Persianate Societies  
*Saturday, 11/22*

**Board Meeting**, 2-4pm, Buchanan (M)  
**Business Meeting**, 4-5pm, Truman (M)  
**Journal of Persianate Studies Editorial Board Meeting**, 5-6pm, Buchanan (M)

♦**BCARS**—Boston Consortium for Arab Region Studies  
*Saturday, 11/22*  
**Reception**, 5-7pm, Taylor (M)

♦**CASA**—Center for Arabic Study Abroad  
*Saturday, 11/22*

**Governing Board Meeting**, 7:30-10:30pm, Park Tower Suite 8224 (L)  
*Sunday, 11/23*  
**Consortium luncheon**, 12:30-2pm, Lebanese Taverna Restaurant (2641 Connecticut Ave. NW)

♦**Eastern Consortium in Persian and Turkish**  
*Monday, 11/24*  
**Board Meeting/Forum**, 2-5pm, Park Tower Suite 8212 (L)

♦**EWIC**—Encyclopedia of Women and Islamic Cultures  
*Friday, 11/21*

**Board Meeting**, 9am-5pm, McKinley (M)  
*Sunday, 11/23*  
**Editorial Board Training**, 9-11am, Wilson A (M)

♦**Harvard University, Center for Middle Eastern Studies**  
*Monday, 11/24*  
**Reception**, 9-10:30pm, Virginia B (L)

♦IIIT—International Institute of Islamic Thought

*Sunday, 11/23*

**Reception**, 5-6:30pm, Park Tower Suite 8219 (L)

♦IJMES—International Journal of Middle East Studies

*Saturday, 11/22*

**Editorial Board Meeting**, 4-5pm, Tyler (M)

♦ISIS—International Society for Iranian Studies

*Saturday, 11/22*

**Board Meeting**, 2-5pm, Park Tower Suite 8210 (L)

**General Meeting**, 6:30-8pm, Park Tower Suite 8216 (L)

♦JMEWS—Journal of Middle East Women's Studies

*Monday, 11/24*

**Editorial Board Meeting**, 7-8:45pm, Wilson B (M)



♦JMEWS and Duke University Press

*Sunday, 11/23*

**Reception**, 4:00pm, Exhibit Hall C, Booth #98

♦JPS—Journal of Persianate Studies

*Saturday, 11/22*

**Editorial Board Meeting**, 5-6pm, Buchanan (M)

♦KSA—Kurdish Studies Association

*Saturday, 11/22*

**Membership Meeting**, 2-4pm, Coolidge (M)

♦LAU—Lebanese American University

*Monday, 11/24*

**Reception**, 8:30-10:30pm, Coolidge (M)

♦Lund University, Center for Middle Eastern Studies

*Saturday, 11/22*

**Reception**, 8:30-10:30pm, Virginia C (L)

♦MECPD—Middle East Center & Program Directors

*Monday, 11/24*

**Annual Meeting**, 9-11am, Maryland A (L)

♦MELG—Middle East Law and Governance

*Sunday, 11/23*

**Business Meeting**, 8:30-10:30am, Park Tower Suite 8216 (L)

♦MELA—Middle East Librarians Association

*Saturday, 11/22*

**Vendor Showcase**, 9-11am, Maryland C (L)

**Arab Federation for Libraries and Information (AFLI) Delegation Roundtable**, 11:30am-1:30pm, Maryland C (L)

♦MEM—Middle East Medievalists

*Saturday, 11/22*

**Board Meeting**, 1:30-3:30pm, Park Tower Suite 8218 (L)

**Business Meeting**, 3:30-5pm, Park Tower Suite 8216 (L)

♦MEOC—Middle East Outreach Council

*Saturday, 11/22*

**Teacher Workshop**, 9am-4pm, Copley Formal Lounge, Georgetown University

**Business Meeting**, 5:30-7:30pm, Jackson (M)

*Sunday, 11/23*

**Board Meeting**, 7:30-9am, Park Tower Suite 8223 (L)

**Nuts & Bolts Workshop for Outreach Coordinators**, 10am-12NN, Park Tower Suite 8222 (L)

♦MESA—Middle East Studies Association

*Sunday, 11/23*

**CAF Annual Meeting**, 8-10am, Park Tower Suite 8212 (L)

*Monday, 11/24*

**Meeting of Officers of MESA's**

**Affiliated Organizations**, 7:30-8:30am, Park Tower Suite 8212 (L)

**Middle East Center & Program**

**Directors Meeting**, 9-11am, Maryland A (L)

♦MARAR—Modern Assyrian Research Archive

*Saturday, 11/22*

**Business Meeting**, 6-8pm, Park Tower Suite 8212 (L)

♦OTSA—Ottoman and Turkish Studies Association

*Saturday, 11/22*

**Board Meeting**, 12nn-2pm, Park Tower Suite 8223 (L)

**Reception**, 7-8pm, Hall C Atrium (E)

**Business Meeting**, 8-10pm, Harding (M)

♦PARC—Palestinian American Research Center

*Saturday, 11/22*

**Board Meeting**, 12nn-4pm, Park Tower Suite 8212 (L)

**Get Together**, 4-5pm, Johnson (M)

♦SAS—Society for Armenian Studies

*Friday, 11/21*

**Workshop**, 2-6pm, Maryland A (L)

*Saturday, 11/22*

**Workshop**, 10am-1pm, Jefferson (M)

**Executive Council Meeting**, 2-4pm, Cleveland I (M)

**Annual Meeting**, 4:30-6:30pm, Jefferson (M)

♦SSA—Syrian Studies Association

*Saturday, 11/22*

**Board Meeting**, 1-2pm, Park Tower Suite 8224 (L)

**Business Meeting**, 2:30-3:30pm, Virginia B (L)

**Panel Discussion**: New Perspectives on the Syrian Conflict, 3:30-5pm, Virginia B (L)





♦**TAARII–The American Academic Research Institute in Iraq**

*Saturday, 11/22*

**Board Meeting**, 1-3pm, McKinley (M)

**Reception**, 4-6pm, Delaware B (L)

♦**University of Chicago**

*Saturday, 11/22*

**CMES Alumni Reception**, 8:30-10:30pm, Delaware B (L)

♦**Western Consortium of ME Centers**

*Monday, 11/24*

**Meeting**, 11am-1pm, Park Tower Suite 8224 (L)

♦**WHOME–Women Historians of the Middle East**

*Sunday, 11/23*

**Meeting**, 1-3pm, Park Tower Suite 8212 (L)

♦**World War I in the Middle East and North Africa Society**

*Sunday, 11/23*

**Reception**, 5-7pm, Open City Restaurant, 2331 Calvert St NW at 24th St (near the Marriott and the Woodley Park Metro Stop; information: Elizabeth Thompson eft3k@virginia.edu)

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# Exciting Saturday

Special Pre-Program Session

3:30-5:30pm

## **The Salaita Case and the New Assaults on Academic Freedom**

Organized by **Paul Sedra**

Chairs: **Paul Sedra**, Simon Fraser U and  
**Laurie Brand**, U Southern California and  
Chair, MESA Committee on Academic Freedom

### **Steven Salaita**

(the implications of the attack on his constitutionally-protected  
speech and academic freedom)

### **Lisa Hajjar**, UC Santa Barbara

(the chilling effects of the new discourse of 'civility' adopted by  
university administrators on various campuses)

### **Rosemary G. Feal**, Modern Language Association

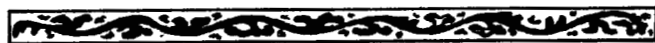
(the ways in which MESA might undertake joint action with  
disciplinary societies in defense of academic freedom)

**Mary Gray**, American University; former member of AAUP's  
Committee A on Academic Freedom and Tenure  
(university governance and academic freedom)

Dr. Steven Salaita was to take up a tenured appointment in the American Indian Studies program at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign. Two weeks before classes began, as he prepared to move his family to Illinois, Dr. Salaita's position was retracted over concern about remarks he made on Twitter about Israel's policies in Gaza. Members of this panel will discuss issues of freedom of speech, academic freedom, university governance, civil discourse, and the potential repercussions for faculty in Middle East studies.



# Pre-Program Events!



Undergraduate Research Poster Session

4-5pm

## MESA's Committee on Undergraduate Middle East Studies

presents an

### Undergraduate Research Poster Session

Prior to the poster session, the undergraduate students will participate in a workshop meant to hone their research skills by focusing on placing their work in the academic literature, developing research methods, and exposing students to data, archives, and other primary sources in Middle East studies. MESA 2014 attendees are invited to the poster session to engage these young scholars in a discussion of their research. Workshop facilitators: **Jeff VanDenBerg**, Drury U; **June-Ann Greeley**, Sacred Heart U; **Christiane-Marie Abu Sarah**, U Maryland; **Sherine M. Hafez**, UC Riverside; **Toby C. Jones**, Rutgers U; **Diane E. King**, U Kentucky; and **Serdar Poyraz**, Missouri State U.

### Presenters

**J.W. Abdelmoez**, Stockholm U–Narratives of Masculinity by Egyptian Media Professionals and Media Audiences

**Athari Hesham Al Hammadi**, Zayed U–Blurring Gender Lines: What is the State of the Transgender Community in the Arab World?

**Jennie Barker**, Tulane U–The Kurds In Turkey: Prospects for Peace Under the AKP

**Virginia Cady**, Dickinson Col–The Effects of 9/11 on U.S. Foreign Policy: Domestic Politics or International Strategic Interests?

**Gabriella Crimi**, Mount Holyoke Col–Monetary Policy in an Islamic Economy: The Role of the Central Bank

**Julie Duerst**, Lewis & Clark Col–The Roots of Unrest in Turkey

**Karim Elhaies**, City Col New York–Masculine Egyptians: Nationalist Reaction to Sadat's Policies

**Ghayde Ghraawi**, U Texas Austin–As Tenses Implode: Encountering Post-Traumatic Urbanism in Ghassan Kana-fani's 'Ā'id ila Hayfā

**Emily Goldman**, Brown U–What Rhymes with Neo-Orientalism?: A Strategic Understanding of Egyptian Revolutionary Rap

**Aber Kawas**, City Col New York–Mapuche and Palestinian Resistance: An Intersectional Struggle

**Abby Linn**, Brown U–Identity and Poetry in the Middle East

**Kevin Miller**, Loyola U–From Sheikhs to Statesmen: The Gradual Shift from Regional Rebellions to Nationalist Movements in Southern Kurdistan Since WWI

**Omar Omar**, American U Cairo–Egypt's Imagined Empire: Egyptian Perspectives on Sub-Saharan Africa in the Age of Colonialism

**Mudassar Sandozi**, St. Olaf Col and **Evan Davis**, St. Olaf Col–Inside Job: The Role of Native Informants in the Honor Diaries' Orientalist Project

**Jake Schneider**, Col of William & Mary–The Political Economy of the Sultanate of Oman: Comparing Oil Wealth and the Institutional Development

**Brendan Sparks**, U Arkansas–On the Edges of the Binary and Society: Sufism's Role in Social Tolerance of Hijra and Transgender Communities in Pakistan

# Program

**5:30-7:30PM Saturday November 22**

**(3644) Morocco During the 1940s: Global Imperatives and Local Responses**

Organized by **Alma Rachel Heckman** and **David Stenner**

Sponsored by  
American Institute for  
Maghrib Studies (AIMS)

Chair: **Emily R. Gottreich**, UC Berkeley

**Alma Rachel Heckman**, UCLA–Vichy Rule as Catalyst: Moroccan Jewish Political Participation and the Development of the Moroccan Communist Party

**David Stenner**, UC Davis–Talking Revolution but Appeasing the Colonizer: Nasser's Refusal to Support North African Nationalism

**Samir Ben-Layashi**, Sciences Po, Paris–The Colonial Social Hygiene Project in the Aftermath of WWII in Morocco

**Jonathan Wyrzten**, Yale U–Global Deployment and Local Effects: Morocco's Colonial Soldiers in the 1940s

**Daniel J. Schroeter**, U Minnesota–Mohammed Ben Youssef and the Jews of Morocco During Vichy

**(3645) Visualizing Modernity in the Nineteenth Century: Photography and Print Culture from the Middle East**

Organized by **Mira Xenia Schwerda** and **Hala Auji**

Chair: **Cyrus Schayegh**, Princeton U

Discussant: **Ami Ayalon**, Tel Aviv U

**Stephen Sheehi**, Col of William and Mary–“The Motive Behind This Portrait”: Ottoman Arab Photography and the Mediation of Class Anxiety

**Radha Dalal**, Virginia Commonwealth U, Qatar–Intertextual Representations of Modernity: Max Fruchtermann's Postcards and the Sultan Abdül Hamid II Photo Albums

**Mira Xenia Schwerda**, Harvard U–The Spectacle of Death: Photographic Depictions of Executions in the Qajar Era

**Hala Auji**, American U Beirut–Power in the Ephemeral: The Diverse Politics and Aesthetics of Printed Arabic Pamphlets from fin de siècle Beirut

**(3651) The Kurds and the Changing Middle East Political Map**

Organized by **Michael M. Gunter**

Supported by  
Ahmed Foundation  
for Kurdish Studies

Chair: **Robert W. Olson**, U Kentucky

Discussant: **Tozun Bahcheli**, King's Col London

**Mohammed M.A. Ahmed**, Ahmed Foundation for Kurdish Studies–Are the Kurds Missing the Boat?

**Michael M. Gunter**, Tennessee Technological U–The Syrian Kurds & the Changing Middle East Political Map

**Diane E. King**, U Kentucky–The Kurdistan Region of Iraq and the Changing Middle East Political Map

**Nader Entessar**, U South Alabama–Securitization of Kurdish Demands in Iran

**Vera Eccarius-Kelly**, Siena Col–Kurdish Identity and Diaspora Politics: Re-Positioning Dissent

**(3664) Minorities and Formations of the Modern Arab State**

Organized by **Fadi Dawood**

Discussant: **Orit Bashkin**, U Chicago

**Fadi Dawood**, SOAS U London–The (Un) Makings of Iraq: The Campaign for an Independent Assyrian State (1921-1932)

**Karene Sanchez**, Leiden U–The Catholic Minority of Palestine and Its Political Mobilization (1918-1960)

**Roundtable**

**(3668) Studying Contentious Politics and Social Movements after the Arab Uprisings**

Organized by **Charles Kurzman** and **Frederic Volpi**

Chair: **Steven Heydemann**, US Inst of Peace

**Charles Kurzman**, UNC Chapel Hill  
**Jeff Goodwin**, New York U

**James Jasper**, Graduate Center, CUNY  
**Farhad Khosrokhavar**, Ecole des Hautes Etudes en Sciences Sociales, Paris

**Frederic Volpi**, U St. Andrews

**Wendy Pearlman**, Northwestern U

**(3679) Political Institutions and the Contestation of Shi'i Doctrine with the Rise of the Būyids 4th/10th - 5th/11th Centuries**

Organized by **Edmund Hayes**

Chair: **Mushegh Asatryan**, Independent Researcher

**Mohammad Sagha**, U Chicago–Political Legitimacy, Religious Doctrine, and Sectarian Identity: Applying Social Network Analysis to Buyid Baghdad

**Edmund Hayes**, U Chicago–The Political and Institutional Role of Charismatic Bābs in 4th/10th Century

**Mohammed Allehbi**, U Chicago–The Ṭālībīd Syndics of Baghdad: Representatives of a Community in Transition

**George Warner**, SOAS U London–The 'Kitāb Ithbāt Al-Waṣīyya' Attributed to Al-Mas'ūdī: Knowledge Production and Sectarian Identity in Tenth Century Imāmism

**(3694) Mapping Middle Eastern Literatures**

Organized by **Gretchen Head**

Discussant: **Zaki Haidar**, Carleton Col

**Linda Istanbuli**, UC Berkeley–Rewriting Egypt's National Narrative: Idris Ali's *Beneath the Poverty Line*

**Anna C. Cruz**, UC Berkeley–(Re)Creating Cordoba: Mapping Nostalgia, Memory, and the Imagination

**Aria Fani**, UC Berkeley–Mapping Absence in Missing Soluch

**Gretchen Head**, UC Berkeley–Contesting the City in Contemporary Tunisian Women's Writing

**(3708) Transmutations of Shari'a: Fashioning and Refashioning of Islamic Law in the 19th - 20th Century Egypt**

Organized by **Samy Ayoub**

Chair: **Ahmad Atif Ahmad**, UC Santa Barbara

Discussant: **Nathan J. Brown**, George Washington U

**Samy Ayoub**, UC Berkeley–Rethinking Premodern Legal Authority in the 20th Century Egypt



**Tarek Elgawhary**, Princeton U–Ulama of the Code: 19th Century Jurists Who Codified Muslim Personal Status Laws  
**Ahmad Atif Ahmad**, UC Santa Barbara–Egypt's 9 Constitutions in 90 Years  
**Aaron Spevack**, Colgate U–Reverence and Realism: The Persistence of Pre-modern Islamic Law in Contemporary Egyptian Law

**(3713) Social Media and Pedagogy of Middle East Studies**

Organized by **Ranjit Singh**

Sponsored by  
Committee for Undergraduate  
Middle East Studies (CUMES)

Chair: **Nabil Al-Tikriti**, U Mary Washington  
Discussant: **Jeff VanDenBerg**, Drury U

**Kimberly Katz**, Towson U and **VJ Um Amel**, U Southern California–On Developing a Teaching Module on Arab Social Media  
**June-Ann Greeley**, Sacred Heart U–Social Media Engages Islam: An Instructor's Brief  
**Rachel T. Howes**, CSU Northridge–The Arab Spring as a Framework for Teaching a Middle East Survey Course  
**Edward Webb**, Dickinson Col–When and How to Incorporate Social Media into MES Courses: Hard-won Lessons  
**Ranjit Singh**, U Mary Washington–Teaching Social Media and ME Politics

**(3721) From House Politics to the Politics of Housing**

Organized by **Geoffrey Hughes** and **Bridget Guarasci**

Discussants: **Asef Bayat**, U Illinois Urbana-Champaign and **Farha Ghannam**, Swarthmore Col

**Geoffrey Hughes**, U Michigan Ann Arbor–“Houses are Alive”: The Persistence of Bodily Metaphors in Talk About Housing in Contemporary Jordan  
**Bridget Guarasci**, Oberlin Col–Environmental Futures: Building Houses amidst Environmentalism Along the Great Rift Valley in Jordan  
**Yazan Doughan**, U Chicago–We Said it Right in His Face: The Spatial Politics of Fearless Masculinity in Jordan's Protest Movement  
**Fida Adely**, Georgetown U–Space, Place and Home in Amman, Jordan: Re-Gendering Space

**(3726) Historicizing and Comparing Resecularization in Turkey, Egypt, and Iran**

Organized by **Yasuyuki Matsunaga**

**Mohammed Moussa**, Independent Scholar–Muhammad Al-Ghazali and the Islamic Tradition: Towards an Indigenous Secularity?  
**Naser Ghobadzadeh**, Australian Catholic U–Re-examining Shiite Political Theology to Promote Secularity  
**Umut Azak**, Okan U–Resecularization in Turkey after June 2013: Is a New Secularism Possible?  
**Yasuyuki Matsunaga**, Tokyo U Foreign Studies–Will Historicizing Desecularization Help the Iranian Postrevivalists?

**(3802) Exploring Middle Class Experiences in the Region: Subjectivities, Strategies, and Ambivalences**

Organized by **T. Deniz Erkmen** and **Ozlem Altan-Olcay**

Chair/Discussant: **Waleed Hazbun**, American U Beirut

**Ozlem Altan-Olcay**, Koç U–In the Market for US Citizenship: Class Distinctions and Insecurity in Turkey  
**Hanan Kholoussy**, American U Cairo–Mubarak's Marital Woes: Middle-Class Navigations of Neoliberalism  
**T. Deniz Erkmen**, Özyeğin U–Stepping into the Global: The Meaning of Working in a Transnational Corporation in the Narratives of Turkish Professionals  
**Khalid Mustafa Medani**, McGill U–Neoliberalism, Middle Class Disaffection, and the Politics of Youth in Sudan

**(3849) Panayır Stories: A Multidisciplinary Study of the Turkish Fair as a Social and Cultural Institution**

Organized by **Roger A. Deal**

Chair: **Faith J. Childress**, Rockhurst U  
Discussant: **Meltem Turkoz**, Işık U

**Y. Ozan Say**, Bridgewater State U–Panayırs of Imbros: Building Community and Placemaking on an Aegean Island  
**Aysun Aydin**, Middle East Technical U and **Hale Yilmaz**, Southern Illinois U Carbondale –The Panayır in Turkish Films  
**Roger A. Deal**, U South Carolina Aiken–Panayır Entertainments in 1930s Turkey: The Pehlivanlık Example

**(3859) Reverberations of Conflict: Impacts and Outcomes of Violence**

Organized by **Christina Sciabarra**

Chair: **Leila O. Hudson**, U Arizona  
Discussant: **Dylan Baun**, U Arizona

**Jonathan Barsness**, U Tennessee–Political Competition, Insurgency, and Post-2003 Violence in Iraq  
**Nils Hagerdal**, Harvard U–Ethnic Cleansing as Military Strategy: Lessons from Lebanon  
**Lyndall Herman**, U Arizona–The Evolution and Current Position of the Responsibility to Protect Doctrine: A Middle Eastern and North African Based Case Study  
**Christina Sciabarra**, U Arizona–Ballots to Bombs: Elections and Cycles of Violence in Post-Invasion Iraq  
**Felisa (Farzana) Hervey**, U Arizona–Translating Conflict: Contemporary Women's Poetry from Herat, Afghanistan

**(3870) What's in a Genre?: New Approaches to Ottoman Intellectual History**

Organized by **M. Sait Ozervarli** and **Helen Pfeifer**

Chairs: **Helen Pfeifer**, Cambridge U and **M. Sait Ozervarli**, Yıldız Technical U  
Discussant: **Tijana Krstic**, Central European U

**Sara Nur Yildiz**, St. Andrews U/Orient-Institut Istanbul–Commentary Writing and Intellectual Genealogies of Religious Texts in the Early Ottoman Tradition  
**M. Sait Ozervarli**, Yıldız Technical U, Istanbul–Kalām Texts in the Ottoman Intellectual Context: An Overview of the Fifteenth and Early Sixteenth Centuries  
**Helen Pfeifer**, Cambridge U–Ottoman Biographical Dictionaries: Roots and Routes  
**Derin Terzioğlu**, Boğaziçi U–İlmihals, Their Authors and Audience in the Early Modern Ottoman Empire

**(3908) Reading the Politics of Digitization**

Organized by **Sean E. Swanick** and **Sharon C. Smith**

Sponsored by  
Middle East Librarians  
Association (MELA)

Chair: **Sharon C. Smith**, MIT

**Sumayya Ahmed**, UNC Chapel Hill—And We Keep a Copy: Digitization, Ownership and Colonial Memories

**Walid Ghali**, Aga Khan U—Constraints on Manuscripts Digitisations in Egypt

**Michael A. Toler**, MIT—Can the Cloud Make it Rain?: On the Social and Political Implications of the Digital Revolution in East-West Relations

**Alexander Nagel**, Smithsonian Inst—Letters and Cups from Persepolis: Lessons from an Archival Odyssey in the Context of the Digitization of World Cultural Heritage

**Sean E. Swanick**, McGill U—Politics of Digitization: Islamic Materials and the Digital Divide

**(3921) Islamic Thought in the 21st Century**

Chair: **Carl Sharif El-Tobgui**, Brandeis U

**Evan Siegel**, New York City Col of Technology—An Analysis of Sheikh Mohammad Montazeri's Newspaper, *Peyam-e Shahid*

**Usaama Al-Azami**, Princeton U—Liberal Ideals and Islamic Law: Limiting Appeals to Scripture in Modern Islamic Political Thought

**Zoe LeBlanc**, Vanderbilt U—Lawmaking and Prohibiting in International Islam: A History of Supranational Islamic Fiqh Academies and Islamic Legal Authority in the Late Twentieth Century and Early Twenty-First Century

**Halil Ibrahim Yenigun**, Istanbul Commerce U—The Political Ontology of Liberal Islam: A Critique of Contemporary Islamic Democracy Theories

**Abdullah R. Lux**, Independent Scholar—Doctrines of Al-ajal Al-mahtūm and Al-ajal Al-makhrūm or Al-ajal Al-mu'allaq: The Problem of Fixed and Variable Ajal (Terms/Lifespans) in Contemporary Shi'ite Thought

**(3926) Lebanese Spaces and Places**

Chair: **Ghenwa Hayek**, Claremont McKenna Col

**Owain Lawson**, Columbia U—"Our Nation, Predestined by Nature": Constructing National, Natural, and Touristic Spaces in Mandate Lebanon

**Sana Tannoury Karam**, Northeastern U—Gendering the Working Class: Contesting Power in the Lebanese Communist Discourse, 1920-1945

**Zeina Maasri**, American U Beirut/U Brighton—Locating the Nation: Changing Imagescapes in 1960s Lebanon Tourism Promotion

**Maria Bashshur Abunnasr**, American U Beirut—The Oral History and Memory of Ras Beirut: Exceptional Narratives of Coexistence

**Zachary Cuyler**, Georgetown U—Building the Earth: The Technopolitics of the Trans-Arabian Pipeline in Lebanon, 1950-1975

**Chantal El Hayek**, MIT—Stars of Two Nations: The Place de l'Étoile and Colonial Radial Planning

**(3945) Women, Education, and Empowerment**

Chair: **Lucy L. Melbourne**, Saint Augustine's U

**Hoda Yousef**, Franklin & Marshall Col—Answering Amin: Early Responses to and Reformulations of "The Women Question"

**Mohamed Sallam**, U Minnesota—Competing and Contesting Constructions of 'Modern' Womanhood: A Vertical Case Study Examining the Effects of International Development Discourse on Marriage and Education in Rural Upper Egypt

**Hengameh Fouladvand**, Ctr for Iranian Modern Arts—Iranian Feminist Art: No Delicate Flowers!

**Kendra Taylor**, Pennsylvania State U—Voices and Counterstories of Empowerment Among Rural Women in Morocco

**Natasha Ridge**, Sheikh Saud bin Saqr Al Qasimi Foundation for Policy Research—Education and the Reverse Gender Divide in the Gulf States: Embracing the Global Ignoring the Local

**Roksana Bahramitash**, U Montreal—Reflecting Innovatively on Enhancing Women's Employment in the MENA Region

**(3985) New Approaches to Palestinian/Israeli Studies**

Chair: **Richard Cahill**, Berea Col

**Steven Wagner**, U Oxford—"Palestine is but a Small Section of the Great Arab Fatherland": British Signals Intelligence, Anglo-Saudi Relations, and the 1939 White Paper Policy for Palestine

**Rebecca Granato**, Al Quds Bard Col—The Trope of the Hunger Strike: How Bobby Sands is/of the Palestinian Narrative

**(3986) Investigations into Arabic Teaching and Learning**

Chair: **Gergana Atanassova**, Ohio State U

**Mahmoud Azaz**, U Arizona—Acquisition of the Definite Marker in Plural Arabic Noun Phrases by Adult L1 English-L2 Arabic Learners

**Heba El Ramly**, American U Cairo—The Effect of Input-based and Output-based Feedback on the Short Term Development of AFL Learners' Interlanguage

**Ola Hashad**, American U Cairo—The Pedagogical Value of Corpus-Based Instruction in Foreign Language Classrooms: Perspectives from the Users

Thematic  
Conversation

**(3991) Ottoman and Turkish Studies: What's Happening?**

Organized by **Virginia Aksan**

Session Leader: **Kent F. Schull**, Binghamton U, SUNY

**Virginia Aksan**, McMaster U  
**Robert Zens**, Le Moyne College  
**Chris Gratien**, Georgetown U  
**Howard Eissenstat**, St. Lawrence U

**TODAY'S AFFILIATED MEETINGS**

7:30-9am

**Middle East Outreach Council Board Meeting**

Park Tower Suite 8223 (L)

8-10am

**MESA's Committee on Academic Freedom Meeting**

Park Tower Suite 8212 (L)

8:30-10:30am

**Middle East Law & Governance Business Meeting**

Park Tower Suite 8216 (L)

9-11am

**Encyclopedia of Women and Islamic Cultures Editorial Board Training**

Wilson A (M)

10am-12nn

**Middle East Outreach Council Nuts & Bolts Workshop for Outreach Coordinators**

Park Tower Suite 8222 (L)

12:30pm-2pm

**Center for Arabic Study Abroad Consortium Luncheon**

Lebanese Taverna Restaurant (2641 Connecticut Ave. NW)

5-6:30pm

**International Institute of Islamic Thought Reception**

Park Tower Suite 8219 (L)

**(3685) From Margin to Mainstream: Geographical Transformation of Community in Rural and Urban Histories of the Other from WWII to the Arab Spring**

Organized by **Sargon Donabed**

Chair: **Sargon Donabed**, Roger Williams U  
Discussant: **Paul S. Rowe**, Trinity Western U

**Mark Tomass**, Harvard U—MarginAl-ization, Extreme Uncertainty, and the Syrian Civil War

**Jacques Rouyer Guillet**, SOAS U London—Gefilte Fish vs. Shish Kebab: The Westernisation of Oriental Jews in Tel Aviv-Yafo, 1948-1967

**Paul S. Rowe**, Trinity Western U—From the Inside, Looking Outside: Alternative Story Telling Initiatives Among Palestinian Christians

**Mariam Georgis**, U Alberta—Nation and Identity Construction in Iraq

**Sargon Donabed**, Roger Williams U—Ethnic Shifts in an Ecclesiastical Community: A Visual Dialogue of Jacobite Nomenclature in 20th and 21st Century Israel/Palestine

**(3714) Authoritarian Statebuilding in the Arab World**

Organized by **Shamiran Mako** and **Jason Brownlee**

Chair/Discussant: **James L. Gelvin**, UCLA

**Shamiran Mako**, U Edinburgh—Authoritarianism and Statebuilding in Iraq: Framing the Role of Exclusionary Institutions

**Jason Brownlee**, U Texas Austin—The Fiscal Politics of Egyptian Statebuilding, 1876-1879

**May Darwich**, U Edinburgh/German Inst of Global and Area Studies (GIGA)—International Dimensions and Domestic Conditions for Authoritarian State-Building in the Middle East

**Adria Lawrence**, Yale U—Democratic Citizens, Crown Subjects: Monarchy and State-Formation in the Middle East

**(3717) Gender and Women in North Africa**

Organized by **Andrea Khalil**

Chair: **Andrea Khalil**, Queens Col, CUNY  
Discussant: **Val Moghadam**, Northeastern U

**Samia Errazzouki**, Georgetown U—Political Economic Liberalization and the Politics of Women's Empowerment in Morocco

**Sherine M. Hafez**, UC Riverside—The Revolution Shall Not Pass Through Women's Bodies: Egypt, Uprising and Gender Politics

**Loubna Hanna Skalli**, American U—Young Women and Social Media Against Sexual Harassment in North Africa

**miriam cooke**, Duke U—Writing Revolution

**Roundtable**

**(3725) Studying the Persian Gulf Beyond State and Security**

Organized by **Arang Keshavarzian**

Sponsored by  
Association for Gulf Arabian Peninsula Studies (AGAPS)

Chair: **Arang Keshavarzian**, New York U

**Pete W. Moore**, Case Western Reserve U  
**Rosie Bsheer**, Yale U

**Toby C. Jones**, Rutgers U  
**John M. Willis**, U Colorado

**(3728) Discovering and Reinterpreting Key Sources of Ismaili Thought and History**

Organized by **Paul E. Walker**

Chair: **Farhad Daftary**, Inst of Ismaili Studies

**Shainool Jiwa**, Inst of Ismaili Studies—Realpolitik & Sectarian Strife: A Reappraisal of Fatimid Rule in Syria During the Reign of the Fatimid Imam-Caliph Al-'Aziz bi'llah (365-386/975-996)

**Shiraz Hajiani**, U Chicago—The Conversions of Hasan-i Sabbah

**Paul E. Walker**, U Chicago—A Newly Discovered Treatise from the Earliest Fatimid Period on the Relationship Between the Burden of Alms Dues and Access to Ta'wil-based Knowledge and the Da'wa

**Nadia E. Jamal**, Inst of Ismaili Studies—Esoteric Explorations of the Shari'a, the Path to the Divine: A Fatimid Exposition

**(3736) Maghrebi Visual Culture and the Politics of Memory**

Organized by **Anna Cavness** and **Patricia M. Goldsworthy**

Chair/Discussant: **Dina Al-Kassim**, U British Columbia

**David Prochaska**, U Illinois Urbana-Champaign—Approaching Maghrebi Visual Culture

**Patricia M. Goldsworthy**, Western Oregon U—Postcolonial Re-exposures: The Moroccan Afterlife of French Colonial Photography

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## 8:30-10:30AM Sunday November 23

**Nancy Demerdash**, Princeton U–Decolonizing Patrimony: Institutions, Nationhood and the Construction of Heritage in Bourguiba’s Tunisia

**Anna Cavness**, UC Irvine–Visual Genealogies of an Algerian Vernacular

**Nouri Gana**, UCLA–Defeat and Dissent in the Cinematic Discourse of Nouri Bouzid

### **(3743) Social Approaches to Lebanese Shi’i History**

Organized by **Robert J. Riggs** and **Pascal Abidor**

Chair: **Mara Leichtman**, Michigan State U  
Discussant: **Rola El-Husseini**, CUNY Graduate Center

**Pascal Abidor**, McGill U–Class and Class Conflict in Jabal ‘Amil before and During the Establishment of the Lebanese State  
**Samer El-Karanshawy**, Qatar Faculty of Islamic Studies–Ja’far Al-Muhajir and the Reproduction of ‘Amili Nationalism  
**Nabil Hage Ali**, Georgetown U–The Islamic Revolution in Lebanon: A Perspective on the Internal Differentiation Among Various Religious Groups in the Shi’i Community

**Jean-Michel Landry**, UC Berkeley–Engaging the Tradition, Challenging the Establishment: The Teaching of Shi’a Jurisprudence at the Hawza of Mohammed Hussein Fadlallah

**Robert J. Riggs**, U Bridgeport–Ayatollahs Online: Virtual Marjas and Their Actor-Networks in Lebanon

### **(3780) Insiders/Outsiders: Arab American Transnational Engagements, Tensions, and Identities**

Organized by **Matthew Stiffler**, Arab American National Museum

Sponsored by  
Arab American Studies Association  
(AASA)

Chair: **Louise A. Cainkar**, Marquette U

**Louise A. Cainkar**, Marquette U–Home-land Imaginings of Palestinian Youth in the US Diaspora

**Kristine Ajrouch**, Eastern Michigan U–Transnational Activities and Identity: An Arab-American Experience

**Salah D. Hassan**, Michigan State U–Transnational Commitments: Arab American Activism and Palestinian Solidarity

**Umayyah Cable**, U Southern California–Palestinian National Cinema in Diaspora: Film Festivals and Diasporic Identity Politics

**Suraya Khan**, Rice U–Beyond the Abstractions: Hisham Sharabi and an Arab-American Intellectual Generation

### **(3836) Arrested Development?: Problems of Industrialization in the Late Ottoman Empire**

Organized by **Elcin Arabaci**

Chair/Discussant: **Sherry Vatter**, CSU Long Beach

**Elcin Arabaci**, Georgetown U–Symptoms of Industrial Revolution in Late Ottoman Bursa

**Erol Ulker**, Istanbul Kemerburgaz U–Foreign Capital, Allied Occupation, and Class Politics in Istanbul: Constantinople Tramway and Electric Company (Istanbul Consortium)

**Can Nacar**, Koç U–Negotiating Power: Foremen in the Late Ottoman Empire

**Kadir Yildirim**, Istanbul U–Proleterianization of Dispossession: Companies, Technology Transfer and Porters in the Late Ottoman Empire

### **(3857) The Act of Writing in the Early Modern Ottoman Empire**

Organized by **Nir Shafir** and **Oscar Aguirre Mandujano**

**Carlos Grenier**, U Chicago–Writing a Frontier Canon: The Works of Ahmed and Mehmed Yazıcızade

**Efe Balıkcıoğlu**, Harvard U–Poetry in the Text: The Use and Function of Poetry in Rāwandī’s *Rāhat Al-sudūr* and Yazıcızade ‘Alī’s Translation of the Same Work in *Tevārīkh-i Āl-i Selçūk*

**Oscar Aguirre Mandujano**, U Washington–The Merits of a Poet: The Role of Talent and Education in the Making of the Ottoman Intellectual

**Nir Shafir**, UCLA–A Book on How to Write a Book: “Instructions to Authors” and the Question of Authorship in Seventeenth-Century Istanbul

### **(3860) Commerce and Intercommunal Relations in Ottoman Borderlands**

Organized by **Murat Yasar** and **Maryna Kravets**

**Murat Yasar**, SUNY Oswego–Religious Synthesis Through Trade: Islamization of the Circassians in the 17th Century North Caucasus

**Mehmet Kuru**, U Toronto–Changing Urban Pattern of İzmir: 17th Through 20th Centuries

**Maryna Kravets**, U Toronto Mississauga–The State of the Economy and the Foreign Trade in the Eighteenth-Century Crimean Khanate

**Emre Erol**, Leiden U–Heartland into Borderland: The Transformations of the Ottoman County of Foçateyn in the Early Twentieth Century

### **(3861) Powering Resistance, Fueling Conflict: Energy and State-Society Relations in the Middle East**

Organized by **Jeanene Mitchell**

Chair: **Jeanene Mitchell**, U Washington

**Jeanene Mitchell**, U Washington–Renewable Energy Investment in Azerbaijan and Its Effects on Local Climate Change Adaptation Measures

**Ayşe Nal**, U Washington–Local Environmental Movements in Turkey: The Case of Rize

**Esra Bakkalbasioglu**, U Washington–Breaking the Infrastructural Dependency: Solar Panels as New Tools of Resistance

**Michael Degerald**, U Washington–Il Faut Défendre Saddam?: Oil, State Racism, and Iraqi State Biopower in the 1980s

### **(3862) The Islamist Parties in North Africa and Their Strategies of Normalization**

Organized by **T. Jeremy Gunn**

Discussant: **Driss Maghraoui**, Al Akhawayn U

**Saloua Zerhouni**, Mohamed V U–Islamist’s Participation in Morocco and Egypt

**Amal Idrissi**, Moulay Ismail U–The Political Speech in the Moroccan Party of Justice and Development (PJD): Normalization or Instrumentalization?

**T. Jeremy Gunn**, Al Akhawayn U–Islamic Parties of North Africa and Secularism

## 8:30-10:30AM Sunday November 23

**Djallil Lounnas**, Al Akhawayn U–The Paradox of the Moderate Algerian Islamists in the Post Arab Spring

### **(3871) Engaging Orlando Patterson's "Social Death" of Slaves or What is Islamic About Slavery in Muslim Societies?**

Organized by **Mary Ann Fay**

Chair: **Mary Ann Fay**, Morgan State U  
Discussant: **Judith E. Tucker**, Georgetown U

**Christine E. Sears**, U Alabama, Huntsville–“Tyranical Masters is the Turks”: Mediterranean and Ottoman Context of Barbary Captivity

**E. Ann McDougall**, U Alberta–“What is Islamic About Slavery in Muslim Societies?”: Revisiting Cooper Through Concubinage in Southern Morocco and Mauritania (19th -21st C)

**Gabeba Baderoon**, Penn State U–Passive Men and Compliant Women: Islam and Slavery in the Making of Race and Sex in South Africa

**Diane Robinson-Dunn**, U Detroit Mercy–French and English Orientalisms and the Study of Slavery in North Africa and the Middle East: What are the Connections?

### **(3881) Failing to Imagine Cartographic and Discursive Borders**

Organized by **Emine Rezzan Karaman**

Discussant: **Sabri Ates**, Southern Methodist U

**Emine Rezzan Karaman**, UCLA–Neither Persian nor Kurdish: Imposition of Osmanlilik in the Kurdish Frontier and Making of the Ottoman-Persian Border  
**Seda Altug**, Boğaziçi U–State, People and Violence in the Making of the Turco-Syrian Frontier

**Dilan Okcuoglu**, Queen's U–Control and Resilience in Kurdish Geography: Case Studies of Van and Hakkari

### **(3883) New Approaches in the History of Iranian Urban Space**

Organized by **Saghar Sadeghian** and **Fatemeh Masjedi**

Chair/Discussant: **Ranin Kazemi**, Kansas State U

**Farzin Vejdani**, U Arizona–Everyday Petitioning in Revolutionary Iran: Municipal Governance, Ordinary Iranians, and Urban Conflict, 1906-1911

**Fatemeh Masjedi**, Zentrum Moderner Orient–Women Mojahedin Transforming the Urban Public Spaces in Tabriz During the Iranian Constitutional Revolution of 1906-1911

**Saghar Sadeghian**, Sorbonne Nouvelle Paris 3–Tabriz New Catholic Church: A Construction of Urban Constitutional Crisis (1906-1912)

**Sahar Hosseini**, U Wisconsin Milwaukee–Sculpting a Modern-Persian Identity in the City: Memorializing Ferdowsi in a Public Square of Tehran

### **(3890) The Arab Spring Uprisings: Rebellion, Revolution, and Literature**

Organized by **Youness Elbousty**

Chair: **Susan Chenard**, Gateway Community Col

**Tovmasyan Tovmasyan**, Yale U–Harem, Sacred Frontiers, and Mernissi's Revolution of Women's World

**Sarab Al Ani**, Yale U–Literature: The First Step to Awareness that Leads to Rebellion

**Youness Elbousty**, Yale U–Revolution and Narrative: Shukri's *Al Khobz Al-Hafi*  
**Muhammad Aziz**, Yale U–Sufi Aspects in Mahfouz's Literary Work Journey of *Ibn Fattouma*

### **(3896) Learning Arabic in and Outside the Classroom: The Role of Interaction**

Organized by **Gergana Atanassova**

Chair/Discussant: **Kassem Mohammed Wahba**, Georgetown U

**Emma Trentman**, U New Mexico–Interaction and the Development of Linguistic Fluency During Study Abroad in Egypt  
**Maimoonah Al Khalil**, King Saud U–Second Language Motivation and Noticing of Recasts in Task-based Interaction

**Gergana Atanassova**, Ohio State U–Feedback During Interaction in the Arabic Language Classroom: Do Learners Understand It?

### **(3916) Unfinished Uprisings: Reflections on Egypt from Above and Below**

Chair: **Peter Gran**, Temple U

**Soha Bayoumi**, Harvard U–“Doctors of the Revolution”: Egypt's Political Uprisings and the Limits of Medical Neutrality  
**Sara Salem**, Inst of Social Studies–The 2011 Egyptian Uprising: Shifts and Power Struggles within the Elite

**Mohamed Elgohari**, New York U–The Ultras Political Role and the State in Egypt  
**Mariz Tadros**, U Sussex–The Politics of Unruly Uprisings in Egypt

**Yasmeen Daifallah**, U Massachusetts Amherst– The Changing Fate of the State: The Conceptual Trajectory of “the State” in the Muslim Brotherhood's Political Writings

### **(3936) Turkish Politics in the Republic**

Chair: **Metin Heper**, Bilkent U

**Reuben Silverman**, UC San Diego–How to Get Ahead in Turkish Politics: Mustafa Sarigul, Factionalism, and the Republican People's Party

**Janicke Stramer**, U Nevada Reno–The Effects of Politicization on Regime-Change: The Case of the Turkish Military and Labor 1960-1980

**Berk Esen**, Cornell U–Nation-Building, State-Capacity, and Regime Consolidation: Kemalism in Comparative Perspective  
**Huseyin Levent Koker**, Atilim U–Languages of Politics and the Constitution: Theoretical Implications of the Debate on the Turkish Constitution

**Elizabeth Nolte**, U Washington–Untimely?: Literature of Bureaucracy and Ahmet Hamdi Tanpınar's *The Time Regulation Institute*

## 8:30-10:30AM Sunday November 23

### (3946) The Politics of Language and Literary Production

Chair: **Esra Tasdelen**, U Chicago

**Shaadi Khoury**, George Washington U—Surveying the Future of the Arabic Language: Al-Hilal (1919-1920) and the Journal of the Arab Academy of Damascus (1928-1929)

**Veli N. Yashin**, Columbia U—The Sovereign and the Author: Ahmad Faris Al-Shidyaq and the Political Somatology of the Late-Ottoman Empire

**Rehenuma Asmi**, Allegheny Col—Qur'anic Arabic Literacy and Critical Pedagogy: A New Look at the Pedagogy of Qur'an Schools

**Nicholas Walmsley**, Indiana U Bloomington—Glossing Nava'i: Navigating the Central Asian Sprachbund with Nineteenth-Century Dictionaries

**Catherine Jean**, U Florida—Expanding Studies of Orientalism: New Approaches to Representation

**Suha Kudsieh**, Col of Staten Island CUNY—The Two Editions of Al-Tahtawi's Travel Account to Paris: The Making of Docile Bodies in Modern Egypt

### (3978) Rethinking Ibn Taymiyya's Circle

Chair: **Dale J. Correa**, New York U

**Rebecca R. Williams**, U South Alabama—Ibn Kathir, Methodology, and Pragmatic Compromise

**Daniella Talmon-Heller**, Ben-Gurion U of the Negev—Historiography in the Service of the Mufti: Ibn Taymiyya on the Origins and Fallacies of Ziyarat

**Cole Bunzel**, Princeton U—Reading Ibn Taymiyya: A Disputed Treatise on Fighting the Unbelievers and Its Modern Reception

**Rodrigo Adem**, U Chicago—Ibn Taymiyya and the Historical Contingency of Orthodoxy

Thematic  
Conversation

### (3994) Reframing the Debate About Secularism in the MENA Region; or, What We Talk About When We Talk About Religion Organized by **Ajay Singh Chaudhary**

**Ajay Singh Chaudhary**, Columbia U  
**K. Soraya Batmanghelichi**, Leiden U  
**Elizabeth Marcus**, Columbia U  
**Suzanne Schneider**, New York U



## (3658) Tribes in Yemen: The View from Within

Organized by **Najwa Adra**

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American Institute for  
Yemeni Studies (AIYS)

Chair: **Najwa Adra**, New York U

Discussant: **Charles Schmitz**, Towson U

**Mohammed Sharafuddin**, U Sana'a–Poetry and Tribalism in Yemen

**Adil Mujahid Al Sharjabi**, Sanaa U–The Future Political Role of Yemeni Tribal Sheikhs in Light of the Expected Outcomes of the National Dialogue Conference

**Abdul Karim S. Alaug**, Sana'a U–Tribalism in the Yemeni National Dialogue Conference

**Nadwa Aldawsari**, Partners Yemen–Tribal Dynamics and Political Process in Yemen

## (3660) Algerian Dissident Writers of French Expression: Opening Books, Opening Minds

Organized by **Valerie K. Orlando**

Chair: **Valerie K. Orlando**, U Maryland

**Valerie K. Orlando**, U Maryland–Reflective or Restorative Nostalgia ? in *Camus dans le Narguilé* (2011) by Hamid Grine: Resisting the Algerian Postcolonial Master Narrative

**Robert Mortimer**, Haverford Col–History and Memory in Boualem Sansal's *Rue Darwin*

**Mildred Mortimer**, U Colorado–Traumatic Memory in Maïssa Bey, *Puisque mon cœur est mort* [Since My Heart is Dead]

**Mary B. Vogl**, Colorado State U–Radical Ruptures: Tahar Djaout's Essays on Algerian Art

## (3667) Infinite Data, Finite Results: Organizing and Classifying Knowledge in Medieval Islamic Law

Organized by **Elias Saba**

Chair/Discussant: **David S. Powers**, Cornell U

**Elias Saba**, U Pennsylvania–Evolving Difference: Legal Distinctions in the Hanafi Tradition

**Mariam Sheibani**, U Chicago–Khilāf Literature: The Systematization of Legal Disagreement

## Special Session

### (4007) ISIS and the Future of Iraq and the Levant

Organized by **David Siddhartha Patel**

Chair: **David Siddhartha Patel**, Brandeis U

**David Siddhartha Patel**, Brandeis U

**Nadje Al-Ali**, SOAS, U London

**F. Gregory Gause**, Texas A&M U

**Diane E. King**, U Kentucky

**Joshua Landis**, U Oklahoma

This session will examine implications of the rise and expansion of the self-declared "Islamic State" straddling Iraq and Syria. Specific topics to be covered include challenges that the spread of religious nationalism in the Levant present to existing state structures, the likelihood of sustainable power-sharing agreements within countries, the centrality of gender-based and sexualized violence in the creation of this "state," continuing vulnerabilities of religious and ethnic minorities, and the regional politics of the conflict(s). Speakers will address the U.S. and allied states' still inchoate strategy to "degrade and ultimately destroy" the Islamist militant group.

**Matthew Keegan**, New York U–Crosspollinations: The Literature in the Law, the Law in the Literature

**Ryan Rittenberg**, U Pennsylvania–The Form and Content of Islamic Legal History

## (3673) Social Mobilization and Authoritarian Learning in the Post-Arab Uprisings Period

Organized by **Frederic Volpi** and **Steven Heydemann**

Chair: **Charles Kurzman**, UNC Chapel Hill  
Discussant: **Frederic Volpi**, U St. Andrews

**Steven Heydemann**, US Inst of Peace–The Future of Authoritarianism in the Arab World

**Jillian M. Schwedler**, Hunter Col CUNY–Rethinking Time and Space in the Arab Uprisings

**Frederic Vairel**, U Ottawa–Understanding Self-limited Mobilizations: Insights from Morocco

**Hesham Sallam**, Stanford U–Protest Movements, Formal Politics, and the Paradoxes of the Egyptian Revolution

**Francesco Cavatorta**, Universite Laval and **Stefano Maria Torelli**, Italian Inst for International Political Studies (ISPI)–From Victim to Hangman?: The Tunisian Troika and the Rise of Salafism

## (3675) Arab Gulf Labour Markets and Migration: Challenges, Data, Policies

Organized by **Imco Brouwer**

Chair: **Imco Brouwer**, Gulf Research Ctr  
Discussant: **Philippe Fargues**, European U Inst

**Nasra Shah**, Kuwait U–Perceptions and Aspirations of 2<sup>nd</sup> Generation Non-Emiratis in the UAE: Comparison with Recent Migrants

**George Naufal**, American U Sharjah–The Data Dilemma: The Case of the GCC Countries

**Hend Alsheikh**, Inst of Public Administration–Active Labor Policies in the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia

**Francoise De Bel-Air**, Gulf Labour Markets and Migration Programme–The Nitaqat Campaign of Saudisation of the Labour Force in Saudi Arabia: A New Kind of "Demographic Engineering?"

## IIAM-IPM Sunday November 23

### (3681) Settler-Colonialism and the Study of Zionism: Erasure, Transfer and Assimilation

Organized by **Arnon Degani**

Sponsored by  
Palestinian American  
Research Center (PARC)

Chair: **Gabriel Piterberg**, UCLA

Discussant: **Lorenzo Veracini**, Swinburne  
Inst for Social Research

**Susan Slyomovics**, UCLA—"The Object of Memory" and Settler Colonialism Studies 16 Years Later

**Honaida Ghanim**, Palestinian Forum for Israeli Studies—Judaization and De-Indigenization: Settler-Colonialism in East Jerusalem

**Areej Sabbagh-Khoury**, Mada Al-Carmel—The Zionist Left and Settler-Colonialism in Marj Ibn 'Amer: Land, Population and Property

**Arnon Degani**, UCLA—Non-Statist and Bi-Nationalist Zionism as Settler-Colonial Agendas

### (3719) What If You Have Too Many Letters?: Predicaments of Printing in Egypt

Organized by **J.R. Osborn** and **Natalia Suit**

Chair: **J.R. Osborn**, Georgetown U

**Nasreen AlKhateeb**, Through the 4th Wall—Muhammad Nadim's 1948 Memo on Moveable Type: Arabic Print Culture at the Crossroads

**J.R. Osborn**, Georgetown U—Printed Letters, Printed Script, Printed Arabic: Methods of Mechanical (and Digital) Reproduction

**Bentley Brown**, Georgetown U—Arabic Type in the Digital Age: Have Dialects Paved the Way for Change?

**Natalia Suit**, UNC Chapel Hill—How Do You Print the Quran?: Technology and Religion in Modern Egypt

### (3733) Nature and Society: Environmental Roots of State Formation in the Modern Middle East, 18th-20th Century

Organized by **Yaron Ayalon**

Discussant: **Alan Mikhail**, Yale U

**Zoe Griffith**, Brown U—A Fine-Grained History: Socio-Politics of Rice Cultivation in 18th-Century Ottoman Egypt

**Andrew Robarts**, Rhode Island School of Design (RISD)—Nowhere to Run To, Nowhere to Hide: State, Society, and Epidemic Disease in the Ottoman Balkans

**Ranin Kazemi**, Kansas State U—The Environmental Causes of the Tobacco Protest in Nineteenth-Century Iran

**Yaron Ayalon**, Ball State U—Natural Disasters and the Fall of the Ottoman Empire

**Joseph D. Lombardo**, The New School—Eppur Si Muove: Italian Capital, the Environment, and the Kurdish Struggle

### (3748) Liminal Bad Girls of the Arab World

Organized by **Elizabeth Bishop** and **Nadia G. Yaqub**

Sponsored by  
Association for Middle East Women's Studies (AMEWS)

Chair: **Florence Martin**, Goucher Col  
Discussant: **Nadia G. Yaqub**, UNC Chapel Hill

**Rula Quawas**, U Jordan—Madness-ism in *Pillars of Salt*: Speaking from the Place of Revisionary Badness

**Hanadi Al-Samman**, U Virginia—Surviving Multiple Wa'd: Samar Yazbek's *A Woman in the Crossfire*

**Sherifa Zuhur**, Inst of Middle Eastern, Islamic & Strategic Studies—Breaking Bad: Sama El Masry – Subversive Mu'allima of the June 30, 2013 Movement

**Randa Kayyali**, American U—"Jihad Jane" as "Good" American and "Bad" Arab Girl: Navigating Feminisms, Citizenship and Gendered Strategies of Acceptance

**Anita Fábos**, Clark U—New 'Bad Girls' of Sudan: Women Singers in the Sudanese Diaspora

### (3761) Regime Formation and Survival: Coercion, Co-optation, and Conversion

Organized by **Steven T. Brooke**

Chair/Discussant: **Stacey Philbrick Yaddav**, Hobart & William Smith Colls

**Steven T. Brooke**, U Texas Austin—Islamist Social Service Provision and Regime Stability in Egypt

**Matt Buehler**, U Tennessee—Co-optable Coalitions?: The Success and Failure of Left-Islamist Alliances in Tunisia, Morocco, and Mauritania

**Dana El Kurd**, U Texas Austin—Survey Experiment on Saudi Arabian Repression: Public Expression and the Religious Police  
**Joshua Stacher**, Kent State U—Regime-Making: State Violence as a Constitutive Process in Egypt

**Rachel A. Sternfeld**, U Texas Austin—From Repression to (Relative) Permissiveness: A Study of Press Freedoms in Egypt

#### Roundtable

### (3784) From State of the Masses to State of the Martyrs: Interdisciplinary and Regional Perspectives on Libya

Organized by **Jacob A. Mundy**

Chair: **Jacob A. Mundy**, Colgate U

**Lindsay J. Benstead**, Portland State U  
**Mietek Boduszynski**, Pomona Col  
**Salwa Sheibany**, Virginia Commonwealth U  
**Doris H. Gray**, Al Akhawayn U

### (3804) Ethnographic Inquiries of Poverty in the Middle East

Organized by **Manata Hashemi** and **Rania K. Sweis**

Discussant: **Ted Swedenburg**, U Arkansas

**Yasemin Ipek Can**, Stanford U—Fantasies of Deprivation: Lebanese Youth Dreaming a 'Decent Life'

**Rania K. Sweis**, U Richmond—Child Life Histories in Ethnography: Reflections on NGOs, Homelessness and Childhood in Egypt

**Manata Hashemi**, UC Berkeley—The Pursuit of Face: Morality and Mobility Among Poor Youth in Iran

**Maia Sieverding**, UC San Francisco—Aspirational Identities and Schemas of Change: An Intergenerational Study of Popular Class Women in Cairo

## IIAM-IPM Sunday November 23

### **(3805) Cities of Promise: Re-imagining Community in Modern Urban Space**

Organized by **Sarah El-Kazaz**

Chair/Discussant: **Diane Singerman**, American U

**Amy Mills**, U South Carolina–The Politics of Mobility in Early Twentieth Century Istanbul

**Sheila Crane**, U Virginia–Housing as Battleground: Planning Strategies & Ephemeral Tactics in the Battles of Algiers

**Nancy Y. Reynolds**, Washington U in St. Louis–Opportunity in Aswan: Provincial Urban Consumption and Mobility in Post-colonial Egypt

**Sarah El-Kazaz**, Princeton U–‘Possessing’ the City’s History: Heritage Preservation and Assembling Power in Istanbul and Cairo

**Farha Ghannam**, Swarthmore Col–The Making and Unmaking of a Heterotopic Space: Reflections on Midan Al-Tahrir

### **(3818) Out of the Box & On Line**

Organized by **Dalal Aboel Seoud**

Chair: **Dalal Aboel Seoud**, American U Cairo

**Lisa J. White**, American U Cairo–Morphology in the Online Elementary and Intermediate Curriculum

**Hanan Hassanein**, American U Cairo–Developing Dyslexic Students’ Grammatical Competence Through Blended Learning  
**Shahira Yacout**, American U Cairo–AFL Students’ Perceptions Regarding Arabic Online Learning

**Dalal Aboel Seoud**, American U Cairo–Blended Learning: Infusing Thinking Skills in the AFL Curriculum

### **(3830) Conflict, Displacement and the Transformation of Kurdish Identity in Turkey: Negotiating Linguistic and Religious Identity(ies)**

Organized by **Mehmet Kurt**

Sponsored by

**Kurdish Studies Association (KSA)**

Chair: **Christian Sinclair**, U Arizona

**Gulay Turkmen**, Yale U–United in Religion, Divided by Ethnicity: The Failure of Islam as a Supranational Identity in the Kurdish-Turkish Conflict in Turkey

**Mehmet Kurt**, Selcuk U–Between Radical Islam and Kurdishness: An Ethnography of Kurdish Hizbullah in Turkey

**Yesim Mutlu**, Middle East Technical U–Negotiating Kurdishness Through Language: The Case of Internally Displaced Kurdish Youngsters within the Education System in Turkey

**Birgul Yilmaz**, SOAS, U London–Language, Identity and Conflict in Turkey: Language Rights and Activism as a Catalyst of Democratization, Political Negotiation and Resistance

### **(3833) China and Japan in Middle East Studies: State of the Fields**

Organized by **Shuang Wen**

Chair: **Hanan Kholoussy**, American U Cairo  
Discussant: **Hyunhee Park**, John Jay Col of Criminal Justice CUNY

**Qingguo Xue**, Beijing Foreign Studies U–Development and Challenges: A Brief History of Arabic Literature in China

**Shuang Wen**, Georgetown U–Two Gaps: A Brief Survey of China Studies in Egypt

### **(3842) Narratives of Body, Soul and Sex in the Late Ottoman Empire**

Organized by **Secil Yilmaz**

Discussant: **Sara Pursley**, Princeton U

**Gulhan Balsoy**, Okan U–Masculine Anxieties: Conceptions of Impotence in Late Ottoman Medical Writings

**Nefise Kahraman**, U Toronto–Medical Spectacles in the Late Ottoman Empire: Mazhar Osman’s Hysterics on Stage

**Secil Yilmaz**, Graduate Center CUNY–Diagnosing Shame, Healing Fear: Manuals for Young Men on How to Protect Themselves from Syphilis in the Late Ottoman Empire

**Seyma Afacan**, U Oxford–Man, Not a Machine, Not an Animal: Psychology (İlm-i Ahval el-Ruh, 1911/12) by Filibeli Ahmed Hilmi as a Critique of Scientism

### **(3843) Muslim Subjects and Clients in the Pre-Modern Christian Mediterranean**

Organized by **Abigail Krasner Balbale** and **Brian Catlos**

Chair/Discussant: **R. Stephen Humphreys**, UC Santa Barbara

**Abigail Krasner Balbale**, U Massachusetts Boston–Rex Lupus, uasallus regi Ildefonso: Vassalage and Clientage across Religious Lines in Twelfth-Century Iberia  
**Mohamad Ballan**, U Chicago–“Zafadola Amicus Mei”: Vassalage, Friendship and the Construction of Imperial Sovereignty in the Chronica Adefonsi Imperatoris (ca. 1148)

**Brian Catlos**, UC Santa Cruz/U Colorado Boulder–The Survival of Muslim Minorities in Latin Christian Lands: A Question of Convenience

**Fariba Zarinebaf**, UC Riverside–Muslim Absence/Presence in European Ports and the Capitulations

**Josie Hendrickson**, U Alberta–Al-Wahra-ni’s Unsolicited Advice to the Moriscos

### **(3852) Empires, People, and Power in Ottoman Iraq: New Approaches to the 19th Century**

Organized by **Kearby Chess**

Chair: **Walter G. Andrews**, U Washington  
Discussant: **Arbella Bet-Shlimon**, U Washington

**Kearby Chess**, U Washington–Cholera in the Time of Empire: Imperialism and Public Health in 19th Century Baghdad  
**Camille Cole**, Yale U–Restoring the Garden of Eden?: William Willcocks and the Remaking of Southern Iraq

**Rachel Elizabeth Brown**, U Washington–Mapping the Social: Kinship Networks and Ottoman Reform



## Professional Development Workshop

### (4004) Public Intellectuals: Taking Research Outside the Academy Organized by Suad Joseph

Supported by  
Encyclopedia of Women and Islamic Cultures (EWIC)

Chair: **Suad Joseph**, UC Davis

It is increasingly important for scholars to educate outside the academy--to take their research results, their theories, and their methods to the media, to the communities in which they circulate, to K-12 teachers, to NGO's and to appropriate government agencies. Research foundations require effective dissemination to our publics in language, styles and venues that are accessible; legislators link university budgets to the impact of its research outside scholarly circles; merits and promotions are enhanced by the attention the research receives publically; and the society calls upon academics to give back to the public good. Organized by the Editors of the Encyclopedia of Women and Islamic Cultures (EWIC), this workshop trains graduate students and young scholars in public outreach work. We will use examples of how to use research to challenge and refigure public representations of Islam, Arab and Muslim Americans, the Middle East, and Muslim women. The workshop will discuss communicating with the media, preparing materials and training for K-12 teachers, working with NGO's, writing for appropriate government agencies. The workshop will also introduce new scholars to writing for EWIC and offer opportunities for publishing in EWIC. The workshop leader is Suad Joseph, General Editor of the EWIC. She is Distinguished Professor of Anthropology and Women and Gender Studies at the University of California, Davis. She is joined by the Editors of EWIC.

### (3922) The Armenian Genocide

Chair: **Marwan D. Hanania**, Stanford U

**Arda Melkonian**, UCLA--Gender-Based Survival Options During the Armenian Genocide

**James Helicke**, Ohio State U--Turkey's First Human Rights Movement: Minorities, Multiparty Politics and the Cold War, 1945-1955

**Sanket Desai**, U Arkansas--Just Keep the Sheep Thieves Away: Minority Challenges to Iraqi Nation-State Building, 1933-1945

**Doris Melkonian**, UCLA--The Plight of Armenian Genocide Orphans in Muslim Homes

**Russell A. Hopkins**, U Akron--Assyrians in Hashemite Iraq: Mass Violence as State-Building

### (3947) Jews and Christians: The 19th Century

Chair: **Susanne Dahlgren**, National U of Singapore

**Frank Castiglione**, U Michigan Ann Arbor--Dragomans, Non-Muslims, and Intra-Imperial Space in Nineteenth Century Istanbul

**Secil Uluisik**, U Arizona--Overlapping Networks and Non-Muslim Provincial Elites in the Ottoman Empire During the 19th Century: The Case of Chorbadjis

**Mohammad Gharipour**, Morgan State U--Identity and Architecture: Jewish Holy Spaces in Isfahan, Iran

**Elektra Kostopoulou**, Rutgers U--Confined in Constantinople: The Life and Letters of Cassandra Karatheodore

### (3955) Modern Iran: Pahlavi Infrastructures and Politics

Chair: **James F. Goode**, Grand Valley State U

**Heidi Walcher**, U Munich--Linking Donkey Tracks to Nuclear Power Plants: Developing the Karun River Route Since the 1870s

**Mikiya Koyagi**, U Texas Austin--Living Along the Railway Routes: Enmity and Engagement in Lorestan During the Early Pahlavi Period

**Brian Mann**, Eastern Illinois U--Development Arrested?: David E. Lilienthal, the Khuzistan Development Program, and the Arabs of Iran

Thematic  
Conversation

### (3995) World War I in the Middle East

Organized by **Elizabeth F. Thompson**

Session Leader: **Elizabeth F. Thompson**, U Virginia

**Mustafa Aksakal**, Georgetown U

**Ellen L. Fleischmann**, U Dayton

**Michael Provence**, UC San Diego

**Charles D. Smith**, U Arizona

**Melanie S. Tanielian**, U Michigan Ann Arbor

**Jonathan Wyrzten**, Yale U

**Yigit Akin**, Tulane U

**Yucel Yanikdag**, U Richmond

Roundtable

**(3669) Place and Space in Middle East History: Bridging the 'Modern/Premodern' Divide**

Organized by **Matthew Hal Ellis** and **Zayde Antrim**

**Matthew Hal Ellis**, Sarah Lawrence Col  
**Asher Kaufman**, U Notre Dame  
**Amy Mills**, U South Carolina  
**Dana Sajdi**, Boston Col  
**Karen C. Pinto**, Boise State U  
**Zayde Antrim**, Trinity Col

**(3678) Outside(rs) Looking In: External Influences on State and Civil Society in the Arab Uprisings**

Organized by **Laurie Brand**

Chair: **Laurie Brand**, U Southern California

**Laurie Brand**, U Southern California–Arab Diasporas and Home State Political Development: Theorizing the Relationship  
**Philippe Fargues**, European U Inst–Emigration and Revolt in Arab Countries  
**Hugh Roberts**, Tufts U–Ideological Perspectives and Political Strategies of External State-Level Actors in the Arab Uprisings

**(3699) The Social Lives of Things: Commodities and Culture in Colonial Algeria**

Organized by **Muriam Haleh Davis**

Sponsored by  
**American Institute for Maghrib Studies (AIMS)**

Chair/Discussant: **Susan Slyomovics**, UCLA

**Arthur Asseraf**, Oxford U–Gunpowder and News: Information as an Explosive Social Commodity, 1881–1918  
**Terrence Peterson**, U Wisconsin Madison–Quitting Colonialism Cold Turkey: Cigarette Boycotts and Anticolonial Youth Activism on the Eve of the Algerian War  
**Muriam Haleh Davis**, New York U–“The Country of Quality”: OFALAC and Standardization of Agriculture in Algeria, 1958–1962  
**Darcie Fontaine**, U South Florida–Algerian “Regroupments” and the Politics of Humanitarian Aid

Presidential Forum

**The Boycott, Divestment & Sanction (BDS) Movement**

Following this past summer’s violence in Gaza, some scholars have debated whether and how to respond on both an individual and a collective basis. Calls to support the BDS movement have grown. At this special session, conference attendees will have an opportunity to learn about and discuss the issues surrounding BDS in a moderated, open forum.

**(3705) Re-Inserting North Africa in the Mediterranean**

Organized by **Jessica M. Marglin**, **Daniel Hershenzon**, and **Naor Ben-Yehoyada**

Chair: **Joshua Schreier**, Vassar Col

**Daniel Hershenzon**, U Connecticut–Ransoming Muslims: North African Captives and Their Ransom in the Early Modern Mediterranean  
**Jessica M. Marglin**, U Southern California–The Extraterritorial Mediterranean: Consular Courts and Connectivity in Nineteenth-Century Morocco  
**Eric Calderwood**, U Michigan Ann Arbor–“The Daughter of Granada and Fez”: Al-Andalus in the Moroccan Nationalist Imaginary  
**Naor Ben-Yehoyada**, Harvard U–A Maghreb’s Modern Mediterranean

**(3709) Identity, Lieux de Mémoire, and Cultural Memory in Early Islam, Part I**

Organized by **Elizabeth Urban**

Sponsored by  
**Middle East Medievalists (MEM)**

Discussant: **Tayeb El-Hibri**, U Massachusetts Amherst

**Scott Savran**, Nazarbayev U–Bahram V Gur: The “Arab” Sasanian King  
**Sarah Bowen Savant**, Aga Khan U–Reviving Memory: Miskawayh and the Pre-Islamic Past Under the Buyids  
**Elizabeth Urban**, West Chester U–The Two Faces of Abu Bakra: What’s in an Identity?  
**D. Gershon Lewental**, U Oklahoma–Hero and Trickster in Early Islamic Hagiography: The Case of the Qādisiyyah Narratives

**(3711) Through the Poet’s “I”: Authorship and the Creation of Literary Selfhood in the Persian Pen Name**

Organized by **Dominic Parviz Brookshaw**

Chair: **Domenico Ingenito**, UCLA

**Domenico Ingenito**, UCLA–The Takhallus as a Marker of Poetic Performance  
**Justine Landau**, Inst for Iranian Studies–The Best Way Out: Taxalloş and the Art of Naming in Medieval Persian Lyric Poetry  
**Dominic Parviz Brookshaw**, U Oxford–Pointing at the Feminine: Gendered Self-Naming in Early Qajar Poetry  
**Paul E. Losensky**, Indiana U–A Self-Enclosed Commentary: Metapoetics in the Signature Verse in the Early Modern Persian Ghazal

**(3756) Rule of Experts?: Revolutions, Doctrines, and Interventions in the Middle East**

Organized by **Osamah Khalil**

**Osamah Khalil**, Syracuse U–Modernizing the Arab Mind: Constructing Traditional Society and Expertise in the Middle East, 1951–1973  
**Brandon Wolfe-Hunnicut**, UC Merced–The Limits of Accommodation: Iraq, the Baath, and the Rise and Fall of Modernization Theory, 1958–72  
**Waleed Hazbun**, American U Beirut–American Myth-Making in Middle East: The Uses of Modernization Theory  
**Seth Anziska**, Columbia U–Israel, the United States and the 1982 War in Lebanon  
**Tahani Mustafa**, SOAS U London–The Paradox of Security Sector Reform: The Case of the Occupied Palestinian Territories

**(3773) The Mandate for Syria and Lebanon in Global Perspective**

Organized by **Reem Bailony**

Sponsored by  
**Syrian Studies Association (SSA)**

Chair/Discussant: **Michael Provence**, UC San Diego

**Benjamin Smuin**, UC San Diego–Globalizing the Local: Speaking to the State and Acts of Citizenship in the Early Twentieth Century Middle East

**Idir Ouahes**, U Exeter–Internationalism & Welfarism at the Outset of the Syrian Mandate (1920-1925)

**Edward Falk**, UC San Diego–Self-Orientalism and the Mahjar: Art and Politics in the Syro-Lebanese Diaspora

**Reem Bailony**, UCLA–Lebanese Nationalism and the Syrian Revolt of 1925: South Lebanon and Its Transnational Links to the Mahjar

**(3806) Photographs in Novel Digital Contexts**

Organized by **Lucie Ryzova** and **Michelle L. Woodward**, MERIP/Jadaliyya

Discussant: **Rebecca L. Stein**, Duke U

**Pelin Aytemiz**, Baskent U–Digitally-Modified Photographs of the Deceased in Commercial Photography Studios in Turkey

**Shireen Walton**, U Oxford–Picturing Iran Online: Photo-Blogs and the Enchantments of Digital Technologies

**Elisabetta Costa**, U Col London–Reconfiguring the Intimate and the Public: Social Media Photography in Southeast Turkey

**Lucie Ryzova**, U Oxford–Long Live the Martyr: The Afterlives of Vernacular Digital Photographs in Revolutionary Egypt

**(3809) Identity, Language, Media, and Memory: Kurds in the US Diaspora**

Organized by **Christian Sinclair**

Sponsored by  
**Kurdish Studies Association (KSA)**

**Aynur de Rouen**, Binghamton U SUNY–Coming to America: Kurdish Diaspora in the United States

**Stan Thangaraj**, City Col of New York–Navigating Empire(s) Through Religion and Culture: Muslim Kurdish American Women and Challenging Power(s)

**Professional Development Workshop**

**(3912) Converting Dissertations and Publishing Books**

Organized by **Ziad M. Abu-Rish**

Sponsored by  
**MESA Graduate Student Organization and Arab Studies Institute**

Chair: **Ziad M. Abu-Rish**, Ohio U

**Bassam Haddad**, George Mason U

**Kate Wahl**, Stanford U Press

**Maria Marsh**, I.B. Tauris Publishers

**Nicolette Van Der Hoek**, Brill

This panel workshop will feature representatives from some of Middle East studies' leading academic publishers, providing early career scholars with insights into the submission, review, and publication process for book manuscripts. Presenters will also share some of the most effective strategies for transitioning from a dissertation to book manuscript, as well as some of the most common mistakes that get in the way of a successful submission process.

**Christian Sinclair**, U Arizona–Infusing Media Rhythms into the Diasporic Space: Kurds and Media Production in the US  
**Amir Sharifi**, CSU Long Beach–The Role of Heritage Language in Identity Construction Among Diasporic Kurds in the United States

**(3864) Where Does the Intellectual Stand?: Politics, Islam, Nationalism and Knowledge Production in Turkey**

Organized by **Alev Cinar**

Chair/Discussant: **Halil Ibrahim Yengin**, Istanbul Commerce U

**Alev Cinar**, Bilkent U–Locating Political Theory: Merging of Western Intellectual Traditions with Islamic Thought

**Okan Doğan**, Bilkent U–Scholars, Intellectuals, and the Media: The Armenian Issue and Making History in Turkey

**Ilker Ayturk**, Bilkent U–Right-Wing Intellectuals in Cold War Turkey: The Case of the Aydinlar Ocagi

**Dilek Cindoglu**, Mardin Artuklu U–Social Stratification and Knowledge Production in the Age of Neo-Liberalism: A Comparative Analysis of Global South and Global North Academies

**(3887) Modernizing Bureaucrats and Globetrotting Technocrats: Networks of Expertise in the Late Ottoman Empire and the Early Turkish Republic**

Organized by **Elizabeth Williams** and **Aimee Genell**

Chair/Discussant: **Mustafa Aksakal**, Georgetown U

**Michael Christopher Low**, Columbia U–“Hot Provinces”: Osman Nuri Paşa and the Articulation of the Hamidian Colonial Experiment on the Arab Frontier

**Aimee Genell**, Yale U–Ahmed Muhtar Paşa in Egypt: Ideas of Imperial Governance from the Edge

**Elizabeth Williams**, Georgetown U–From World Exposition to Tractor Competition: Ottoman Technocrats' Participation in the Emergence of Scientific Agriculture

**Dale Stahl**, New York U Abu Dhabi–From Efendi to Mühendis: The Transformation of the Turkish Political Elite



## 2-4PM Sunday November 23

### **(3906) Of Conflict and Text: Critical Explorations on the Spaces and Significances of Political Posters, Graffiti and Street Art in the Making and Unmaking of Political Violence, Part I**

Organized by **Kevin M. DeJesus**, Johnson and Wales U

Chair: **Eric Bordenkircher**, UCLA

**Maryam Shariati**, U Texas Austin–Poster Politics: A Visual History of the Iranian Revolution

**Courtney Dorroll**, U Arizona–March of the Penguins: Visual Rhetoric & Gezi Park Protests in Turkey

**Karin Gwinn Wilkins**, U Texas Austin and **Faegheh Shirazi**, U Texas Austin – Mapping Political Discourse of the Iranian Green Movement

**Yusuf Sarfati**, Illinois State U and **Lisya Seloni**, Illinois State U –Linguistic Landscape of Gezi Park Protests in Turkey: A Discourse Analysis of Graffiti

### **(3925) World War One and Its Aftermath**

Chair: **Weston F Cook, Jr**, UNC Pembroke

**Pahumi Nevila**, U Michigan Ann Arbor–“Jeanne d’Arcs of the Near East”: The American College for Women and Alumnae Activists During World War I

**Rashed Chowdhury**, U Manitoba–Russian Military Refugees in Istanbul in the 1920s

**Roberto Mazza**, Western Illinois U–Cemal Pasha, Zionism and the Alleged Expulsion of the Jews from Jaffa in April 1917

### **(3932) Identities and Minorities in Egypt, Part I**

Chair: **Nivien Saleh**, Thunderbird School of Global Mgmt

**Hussein Omar**, U Oxford–Minority as Microbe: Sectarian Political Thought in Late Khedival Egypt

**Naglaa Hussein**, Howard U–Egyptian versus African Novel: Critical Responses to Muhammad Khalil Qasim’s “Ashamandoura” and Abdurrahman Al-Sharqawi’s “Al-Arad”

**Yaron Shemer**, UNC Chapel Hill–Rethinking Jewish Cosmopolitanism, Belonging, and Nostalgia in the Post-1952 Revolution Egyptian Cinema

**Jeffrey Culang**, CUNY Graduate Center–The Construction of Minorities and Boundaries of Inclusion in Colonial Egypt, 1908-1923

**David DiMeo**, Western Kentucky U–The Nubian-Egyptian Novel: The Quest for Identity in the Works of Idris Ali

**Mourad Takawi**, U Notre Dame–Salvation by State Alone: An Inquiry into the Political Theology of Patriarch Tawadros II

### **(3954) The Production of Oriental(ist) Knowledge**

Chair: **Fatima Zahrae Chrifi Alaoui**, U Denver

**Hazem Salem**, York Col of PA–Beyond Narratives of Divergence

**Dwaa Osman**, Georgetown U–Challenges of Building a Knowledge-Based Economy in the GCC

**Michael Bevers**, Indiana U–Clash of Rhetorics: “Othering” and the Cycle of Violence

**Kosar Karimi Pour**, McMaster U–Mapping the Intellectual Structure of Middle Eastern Studies: An Author Co-citation Analysis

**Alex Boodrookas**, New York U–Food for Books: Grain Aid, Area Studies, and the Weaponization of American Research Libraries

**Tanya Kane**, Texas A&M U at Qatar–What Archival Research?: Cultivating an Archival Culture in Qatar

### **(3957) Nation, Identity, and Public Opinion**

Chair: **Hedi BenAicha**, American Public U System

**Yuksel Sezgin**, Syracuse U–How Non-Muslim Democracies Engage Shari’a: Lessons for Democratizing Muslim Nations

**Samuel Solomon**, D3 Systems–After the Coup: Egyptian Public Opinion in the Summer of 2013

**Curtis R. Ryan**, Appalachian State U–Identity Crisis?: Political Opposition and Identity Politics in Jordan

**Brandon Gorman**, UNC Chapel Hill–Shari’a, Democracy, and the Limits of Survey Research in the Arab World: Lessons from Tunisia

**Ekrem Karakoc**, Binghamton U SUNY and **Talha Köse**, Istanbul Sehir U–Emigrant Families and Support for Islamist Parties in the 2011-2012 Egyptian Parliamentary Election

**Camelia Suleiman**, Michigan State U–The Arabic Language and the Post Arab-Spring Citizen: A View About Egypt

### **(3966) Modern Arabic Literature, Criticism, and Identity Formation**

Chair: **Mohammad Salama**, San Francisco State U

**Shaden M. Tageldin**, U Minnesota–Migration and the Estrangement of Modern Arabic

**Mohammad Salama**, San Francisco State U–Criticism Between the Sacred and the Profane: Qur’anic Exegesis in Muhammad Ahmad Khalafallah

**Sami Alkyam**, Harvard U–The Rape of the Female Body as an Allegory for the Rape of a Nation: Exposing the Ugliness of Dictatorship in Tā’ir Al-Kharāb

**Amal Amireh**, George Mason U–Constructions of Feminist Subjectivities: Representations of Mothers in Arab Women’s Autobiography

**Chip Rossetti**, U Pennsylvania–An Invitation to Create Meaning: The “Participating Reader” in Muḥammad Khudāyyir’s Fiction

**Valentine Edgar**, Columbia U–Not Everyone Returns: The Risks of Travel in the Novels of Taha Husayn and Mahmud Ahmad Al-Sayyid

### **(3972) Palestinian Identities: Then and Now**

Chair: **Nancy L. Stockdale**, U North Texas

**Nora Stel**, Maastricht School of Management and Utrecht U–‘The Children of the State’: How Palestinians from the Seven Villages Negotiate Sect, Party and State in Lebanon

**Torsten Janson**, Lund U–From Camp to Campus: Palestinian Identity at Lebanese Universities

**Marwan D. Hanania**, Stanford U–The Battle of Karameh and Palestinian-Jordanian Dynamics Revisited

**Hind Ghandour**, Swinburne U of Technology–Citizenship Space: Conceptualizing Palestinian National Identity of Naturalized Citizens in Lebanon

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**Melanie Meinzer**, U Connecticut–The Impact of Foreign Aid on Political Consciousness in Palestinian Education  
**Harel Chorev**, Tel Aviv U–Re-Networking Palestine: Disintegration and Integration of British Mandatory Palestinian Society

**(3973) Issues of Gender in the Modern and Premodern Middle East**

Chair: **Ibtesam Alatiyat**, St. Olaf Col

**Nayel Badareen**, U Arizona–Can a Woman become a Mujtahid?: The Case of Morocco  
**Rosemary Admiral**, U Illinois Urbana-Champaign–Negotiating Marriage in Marinid Morocco  
**Alyssa Gabbay**, UNC Greensboro–Fatima’s Khutba: An Early Case of Female Religious Authority in Islam  
**Fatemeh Orouji**, U Tabriz–The Method of Education for Women in Safavid Harms  
**Arezou Azad**, U Birmingham–‘Living Happily Ever After’: Fraternal Polyandry and ‘the House’ in Early Islamic Bactrian Society  
**Myriam Sabbaghi**, U Chicago–The Court Poet and the Princess: Deconstructing Parī-Khān Khānum’s Power of Literary Patronage in the Safavid Court

**(3981) Representing Otherness, Negotiating Difference**

Chair: **Asma Afsaruddin**, Indiana U

**Ryan J. Lynch**, U Oxford–Genre and Al-Baladhuri’s *Kitab Futuh Al-Buldan* in Early Islamic Historiography  
**Marika Chachibaia**, Tbilisi State U–The Palestinian Anti-Chalcedonian Hagiographer of the Fifth Century  
**Ahmad Nazir Atassi**, Louisiana Tech U–Tracking the ‘Aqida Subgenre in Medieval Islamic Literature  
**Boris James**, Ifpo/INALCO–The Kurdish Case Through Medieval Arabic Literature: An Ethnonym Among the Ethnonyms  
**Andrew Magnusson**, UC Santa Barbara–People without a Book: Contesting the Taxation of Zoroastrians in Early Islamic History

**Special Film Panel**

**(4008) Visions of Environmental Change in Tunisia’s Gabès Oasis**

Chair: **Thomas B. Stevenson**, Ohio U, Zanesville/MESA FilmFest

With presentations by film makers  
**Samuel T. McNeil** (“A Siege of Salt and Sand”)  
**Habib Ayeb** (“Gabès Labeşş”)

Tunisia’s Gabès oasis is a unique ecosystem nestled between the Mediterranean Sea and the Sahara. Along with a variety of fauna, the oasis’s coastal ecology supports three levels of agricultural production: date palms, fruit trees, and horticultural crops. The oasis has been nominated for UNESCO designation as a World Heritage Site.

The Gabès oasis is threatened by growing water scarcity, desertification, and urban sprawl. A large chemical complex on the edge of the oasis exacerbates these problems, making it increasingly difficult for fishermen, farmers, and herders to make a living. The very survival of the oasis is in question.

In 2014, two films were released that portray these environmental problems. “Gabès Labess” and “A Siege of Salt and Sand” address the climatic and human impacts on the oasis in local and global contexts. The FilmFest will screen both documentaries after which the film makers will hold a roundtable discussion of the issues including their divergent filmmaking and journalistic techniques to covering Gabès.

**Thematic Conversation**

**(4001) On Line Teaching**

Organized by **Dalal Aboel Seoud**

Chair: **Dalal Aboel Seoud**, American U Cairo

**Shahira Yacout**, American U Cairo  
**Rasha Essam**, American U Cairo

Special Session

**(4006) Abandoned Yet Central:  
Gaza and the Resolution of the Israeli-Palestinian Conflict**  
Organized by **Sara Roy**

Chair: **Sara Roy**, Harvard University

**Chris Gunness**, UNRWA, Office of the Commissioner General, Jerusalem

**Paul Aaron**, Political Analyst and Consultant,  
Gaza Community Mental Health Program

**Bill Corcoran**, American Near East Refugee Aid (ANERA)

**Ilana Feldman**, George Washington University

**Brian Barber**, University of Tennessee

**Susan Akram**, Boston University School of Law

This session will present an overview of the past summer's violent clashes between Israeli and Hamas forces and the ensuing destruction in Gaza. Representatives from the United Nations Relief and Works Agency (UNRWA) and the American Near East Refugee Aid (ANERA) will provide an "on-the-ground" analysis of the destruction and human toll of the 50-day war. Scholars will further place the recent violence in the context of the Israeli-Palestinian conflict and examine the prerequisites for a sustainable resolution of the conflict.

**(3663) Language Policy and Education in the Arab World: Issues and Challenges**

Organized by **Abdellah Chekayri**

Chair: **Mohamed Maamouri**, U Pennsylvania

Discussant: **Atiqa Hachimi**, U Toronto

**Mohammed Dahbi**, Al Akhawayn U–The Functions of Arabic in Moroccan Classrooms

**Abbas Benmamoun**, U Illinois–Arabic Dialects as Resources for Improving the Teaching and Learning of Standard Arabic: Implications for Language Acquisition and Language Policy

**Abdulkafi Albirini**, Utah State U–Language Attitudes in Relation to Arabization in Education

**Abdellah Chekayri**, Al Akhawayn U–The Arabic Language Continuum: What Standards are in Place for Writing Arabic Spoken Varieties?

**(3677) The Modern Life Sciences in the Middle East**

Organized by **Elise Burton**

**Joelle Abi-Rached**, Harvard U–“The Insane in Some Remote Lands”: Madness and Civilization in the fin-de-siècle Levant

**Melis Sulos**, Graduate Center CUNY–(Re)Formulating Turkishness: The Intellectual Life of Afet Inan

**Elise Burton**, Harvard U–Nationalist Biology: The Persistence of “Aryan” Identity in Iranian Genetic Research

**Ceyhun Arslan**, Harvard U–The Rivalry Between the Poet and the Doctor: The Trope of Sickness in Late Ottoman Literature

**Caroline Tee**, U Bristol–The Technical Sciences and the Purposes of God: Theory and Practice in the Hizmet Movement in Turkey

**(3698) Yemen's Cultural Crisis: Catastrophe or Opportunity?**

Organized by **Stephen Steinbeiser**

Sponsored by  
**American Institute for Yemeni Studies (AIYS)**

Chair: **Stephen Steinbeiser**, American Inst for Yemeni Studies

Discussant: **Sheila Carapico**, U Richmond

**Anne Regourd**, CNRS–It Looks Good on Paper: Conserving Zabid's Manuscripts and Intellectual History

**Mohammed Al-Duais**, Foundation for Endangered Wildlife–Bridging the Generation Gap to Protect Nature in Yemen: Conservation of Nature Through Culture

**Stephen Steinbeiser**, American Inst for Yemeni Studies–Conserving Built Heritage and Landscapes in Yemen: Political and Cultural Considerations for Sustainability

**Katherine Hennessey**, American Inst for Yemeni Studies and Sana'a U–Cents and (Cultural) Sensibility: How Transnational Political Agendas Condition the Content of Contemporary Theater in Yemen

**(3715) Identity, Lieux de Mémoire, and Cultural Memory in Early Islam, Part II**

Organized by **Antoine Borrut** and **Sarah Bowen Savant**

Sponsored by  
**Middle East Medievalists (MEM)**

Chair: **Sarah Bowen Savant**, Aga Khan U  
Discussant: **Steven C. Judd**, Southern Connecticut State U

**Christiane-Marie Abu Sarah**, U Maryland–The Bāb Al-Raḥma: From Hauts Lieux de Mémoire to the Edge of the Sacred

**Antoine Borrut**, U Maryland–Remembering Karbalā': The Construction of an Early Islamic Site of Memory

**Peter Webb**, SOAS U London–The Battle of Dhū Qār: A Shifting Landmark in Muslim Memories of Pre-Islam

**(3759) Ismā'īlī History in the Early Modern Era**

Organized by **Daniel Beben**

Chair: **Khalil Andani**, Harvard U

**Asif Rawji**, U Cambridge–The 'Uyūn Al-Akḥbār and Ismā'īlī Historical Writing in the 9th/15th Century

**Daniel Beben**, Indiana U–Rethinking the Kalām-i pīr and Its Role in the Central Asian Ismā'īlī Tradition

**Shahrad Shahvand**, Harvard U–Āghā Khān Maḥallātī and the Tārīkh-i 'Ibrat-afzā

**(3769) The Remaking of Modern Turkey 1945-1960: Cultural Transformation and Populist Democracy**  
Organized by Nick Danforth

Chair: **Ryan Gingeras**, Naval Postgraduate School  
Discussant: **Hale Yilmaz**, Southern Illinois U Carbondale

**Nick Danforth**, Georgetown U–Mid-Century Modernities in Democratic Turkey  
**Sarah-Neel Smith**, UCLA–Art Beyond the State: Bülent Ecevit and the Democratization of the Turkish Art Market in the 1950s

**Matthew Goldman**, U Washington  
Seattle–Populist Promises and Inflated Dreams: Explaining the Success of the Democrat Party in 1950s Turkey  
**Can Bilsel**, U San Diego–The Ballad of Ali of Keshan: Migration and the Shantytown in Turkish Epic Theater

**(3776) Writing Revolution: Literature and State Violence in the Postcolonial Maghreb**

Organized by **Brahim El Guabli** and **Jill Jarvis**

Chair: **Valerie K. Orlando**, U Maryland  
Discussant: **Aomar Boum**, UCLA

**Brahim El Guabli**, Princeton U–Moroccan Years of Lead: Prison Memoirs and the Translatability of Collective Pain  
**Lucie Knight**, Princeton U–Algerian Women at War: From Independence to Civil War

**Jill Jarvis**, Princeton U–Amnesty/Amnesia/Arris: Yamina Mechakra and Algeria's Fictions of Justice

**Naïma Hachad**, American U–The Return of the Suppressed Body in Moroccan Prison Narratives: Radical Encounters, Gifts, and Performances of Justice

**(3785) Space, Solidarity and Identity in the Modern Middle East**

Organized by **Kevan Harris** and **Kevin Mazur**

Discussant: **Melani C. Cammett**, Brown U

**Kevin Mazur**, Princeton U–The People Want the Fall of the Governor: Neighborhood Politics in the Capital of the Syrian Revolution

**Asef Bayat**, U Illinois Urbana-Champaign–Urbanity of Insurrections: Space and Politics in Middle Eastern Cities

**Kevan Harris**, Princeton U–Land Reform and the Longue Durée: Iranian Social Mobility from the Ground Up  
**Diane Singerman**, American U–Residents and Municipalities: Renegotiating Political Space and Public Goods in Cairo  
**Lisa Wedeen**, U Chicago–Virtual Space and Uncertainty: Reflections from Syria

Roundtable

**(3786) Expansive Pedagogy: New Sources and Approaches to Teaching the History of the Early Modern and Modern Middle East**

Organized by **Sarah Abrevaya Stein** and **Julia Phillips Cohen**

Chair: **Sarah Abrevaya Stein**, UCLA

**James L. Gelvin**, UCLA  
**Alan Mikhail**, Yale U  
**Zvi Ben-Dor Benite**, New York U  
**Heghnar Watenpaugh**, UC Davis

**(3788) The Sahara in Focus: Frontier-hood, Imperialism, and the Transnational**

Organized by **Eileen Ryan** and **Mostafa Minawi**

Chair: **Lisa Anderson**, American U Cairo  
Discussant: **Jens Hanssen**, U Toronto

**Amal Ghazal**, Dalhousie U–The Empire in the Sahara: WWI in the Maghreb, Pan-Ottomanism and Mzabi Independence

**Eileen Ryan**, Temple U–Memory and Identity in Colonial Libya

**James N. Tallon**, Lewis U–Contesting the Libyan Hinterland 1900-1912

**Mostafa Minawi**, Cornell U–The Ottoman Government and the Sanusi Order in the Context of the 'Scramble for Africa'

**Matthew Hal Ellis**, Sarah Lawrence Col–Bedouin Mobility and the Emergence of an Egypt-Benghazi Borderland

**(3792) Israel Studies in the Arab World**

Organized by **Johannes Becke**

Discussant: **Elie Podeh**, Hebrew U of Jerusalem

**Hassan A. Barari**, U Jordan–Israelism: Arab Scholarship on Israel, a Critical Assessment

**Mostafa Hussein**, Brandeis U–Israel Studies in the Arab World Between Two Dictums: 'Whosoever Learns People's Language Avoids Their Plot' and 'Know Your Enemy'

**Johannes Becke**, U Oxford–Hebrew in Beirut: Studying Israel in the Last Arab Frontline State

**Hebatalla Taha**, U Oxford–The Politics of 'Normalisation': The Israeli Academic Centre in Cairo

**Amr Yossef**, American U Cairo–Egyptian Israelists: The View from Israel

**(3868) The Politics and Poetics of Transgression in the Late Ottoman Empire**

Organized by **Vangelis Kechriotis**

Chair: **Eyal Ginio**, Hebrew U Jerusalem  
Discussant: **Kent F. Schull**, Binghamton U SUNY

**Vangelis Kechriotis**, Boğaziçi U–Longing for Satanic Verses: Greek Satirical Press in Istanbul in the Second Constitutional Period

**Murat C. Yildiz**, UCLA–Creating New and Challenging Old Conceptions of Bourgeois Masculinity: The Male Body in Late Ottoman Istanbul

**Burcu Karahan**, Stanford U–Women of Nature: Pleasure Seekers of Ottoman Literature

**Meltem Toksöz**, Boğaziçi U–Ottoman Socialist Literature in the Post-1908 Empire: Other Possibilities?



## 4:30-6:30PM Sunday November 23

### (3873) The Archive: Collections and Counter-Collections

Organized by VJ Um Amel

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Middle East Librarians  
Association (MELA)

Chair: **Roberta L. Dougherty**, Yale U Library  
Discussant: **Khaled Fahmy**, American U  
Cairo

**Joy Amina Garnett**, The Bee Kingdom–  
The Bee Kingdom: An Accidental Archive  
**Tammi Moe**, Qatar Unified Imaging  
Project–A Sand Castle in the Tide: Qatar’s  
Primary Sources

**Kelly Stedem**, UMAM Documentation  
and Research–UMAM Documentation and  
Research

**Hana Sleiman**, American U Beirut–Ar-  
chives of the Palestinian National Move-  
ment: A Battle over the Production of  
History

**Nadia von Maltzahn**, Orient-Institut  
Beirut–“Archivisme is a Local Disease”

### (3877) Kurdish Imaginations - Imagi- nations of Kurdishness

Organized by **Marlene Schafers** and  
**Susan Benson-Sokmen**

Chair: **Sophie Richter-Devroe**, U Exeter  
Discussant: **Hisyar Ozsoy**, U of Michigan  
Flint

**Marlene Schafers**, U Cambridge–In Pur-  
suit of Permanent Traces: Constituting  
Authorship Through Inscription  
**Susan Benson-Sokmen**, U Toronto–  
Imagining the Non-State: Historical  
Production in Turkey’s “Fourth Most-  
Kurdish City”

**Elif Ege-Tatar**, U at Buffalo–A Feminist  
Account of Kurdishness: Everyday Lives  
of Young Kurdish Women in Istanbul  
**Veronica Buffon**, U Exeter–Imagining  
and Sense of Belonging in Diyarbakır:  
when ‘Health’ and Kurdishness Encounter  
Political Conflict and Biomedical Domain  
**Anoush Tamar Suni**, UCLA–An Armenian  
Past in a Kurdish Present: The Politics of  
Remembering and Forgetting

### (3886) Social Media, the Digital Ar- chive, and Scholarly Futures

Organized by **Ted Swedenburg**

Chair/Discussant: **Elliott Colla**, George-  
town U

**Negar Mottahedeh**, Duke U–When You-  
Tube Algorithms Curate the New Wave  
**Ted Swedenburg**, U Arkansas–The New  
Social Media Archive of Maghrebi Popular  
Music

**Rebecca L. Stein**, Duke U–The Perpetra-  
tor’s Archive: Israel’s Occupation on  
YouTube

**Amahl Bishara**, Tufts U–A Popular Digi-  
tal Archive of Resistance: Facebook Posts  
of Protests and Arrest Raids

Thematic  
Conversation

### (3913) Perspectives of Memory and Identity Regarding the Iraqi Invasion of Kuwait

Organized by **Christopher Ohan**

Session Leader: **Farah Al-Nakib**, Ameri-  
can U Kuwait

**Conerly Casey**, Rochester Inst of Tech-  
nology

**Christopher Ohan**, Texas Wesleyan U

### (3933) Identities and Minorities in Egypt, Part II

Chair: **Nivien Saleh**, Thunderbird School  
of Global Mgmt

**Lina Beydoun**, Lebanese American U–The  
Challenge of Minority Rights in Egypt:  
Religious Discrimination, Sectarian Vio-  
lence, and State Inaction

**Avishai Ben-Dror**, Open U Israel– Imag-  
ining a New Egypt?: Rethinking the Bio-  
graphy of Raūf Bāšā

**Gregory Hoadley**, UC Berkeley– Re-Inter-  
preting the “Coptic Census”: Contesting  
Statistics and State Power in Egypt

### (3941) Migrants and Movements in the New Syria

Chair: **Angela Joya**, U Oregon

**Dina Matar**, SOAS U London–Mediated  
Narratives: Political Activism and Identity  
Struggles in Syria

**Ali Hamdan**, UCLA–Beyond Lesser Syria:  
Spaces of the Syrian Civil War

**May Farah**, American U Beirut and **Jad  
Melki**, American U Beirut–Media Use in  
Times of War

**Ihsan Cetin**, Namik Kemal U–Challenges  
to the Integration of Syrian Refugees Liv-  
ing in Urban Turkey

**Otares Haidar**, U Oxford–The Narra-  
tives of the Syrian Wars: Women’s Voice  
Between Containment and Resistance

**Omar Dahi**, Hampshire Col–The Refugee  
Crisis and the Making of the ‘New Syria’

### (3948) Activism, Feminism, and Agency

Chair: **Roberta Micallef**, Boston U

**Loes Debuysere**, Ghent U–The Tunisian  
Women’s Movement at the Crossroads of  
Class, History, Politics and Ideology

**Lina Kassem**, Qatar U–State Feminism,  
Local Activists, and CEDAW in Qatar:  
Conflicting Approaches to Strengthening  
Women’s Rights

**Dunya Deniz Cakir**, National U Sin-  
gapore–The Critical Theory of Islamist  
Women Activists in Contemporary  
Turkey

**Najla Al Khulaifi**, Northwestern U Qatar–  
Female Engagement and Participation in  
the Arabian Peninsula: Majlis Al-Hareem  
in Qatar

### (3976) Sovereignty and Leadership in the Premodern Middle East

Chair: **Malissa Taylor**, U Louisville

**Justin Stearns**, NYU Abu Dhabi–Intel-  
lectual History and Political Context in  
17-18th Century Morocco

**Daniel Sheffield**, Princeton U–The Lord  
of the Planetary Court: Cosmic Aspects of  
Millennial Sovereignty in the Thought of  
Āzar Kayvān and His Followers

**Maryam Moazzen**, U Louisville–Muham-  
mad Baqir Khatunabadi: The First Safavid  
Mulla-bashi (Head of Religious Scholars)  
and the Bread Riot of 1715

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**Javad Abbasi**, Ohio State U–Rashid-e Tabib: Rshid Al-Din Fazl Allah Hamadani's Medical Activities During His Political Career (694-716 / 1295-1317)

### (3979) Poetics of Creation

Chair: **Pardis Minuchehr**, George Washington U

**Raymond Farrin**, American U Kuwait–Ring Structure in Sura 9: Repentance Emphasized

**Han Hsien Liew**, Harvard U–The Caliphate of Adam: Sunni Exegetical Commentaries on the Qur'ānic Term “Khalifa”

### (4000) Sunnification of Ottoman Ideology and Polity, 16th to 17th Centuries

Organized by **Murat Menguc**, Seton Hall U

Chair: **Guy Burak**, New York U

Discussant: **Derin Terzioğlu**, Boğaziçi U

**Nabil Al-Tikriti**, U Mary Washington–Greatness Denied: Firdevsi-yi Rumi on the Cusp of Ottoman Sunnism

**Ayfer Karakaya-Stump**, Col of William and Mary–Sheikh ul-Islam Ebussu'ud (d. 1574) and the (Re)Invention of Ottoman Sunnism

**H. Erdem Cipa**, U Michigan Ann Arbor–Alea iacta Est: The Shahqulu Rebellion of 1511 and the Sunnification of Ottoman Ideology

**Tijana Krstic**, Central European U–Situating Ottoman Sunnification in the “Age of Confessionalization”: Preliminary Remarks on the Dialogic Aspects of Confession-Building in the Ottoman Empire

### (4002) Of Conflict and Text: Critical Explorations on the Spaces and Significances of Political Posters, Graffiti and Street Art in the Making and Unmaking of Political Violence, Part II

Organized by **Kevin M. DeJesus**, Johnson and Wales U

Chair: **Eric Bordenkircher**, UCLA

**Elisa Pierandrei**, Journalist and Educator–Mapping Current Dissent in Cairo Through Graffiti and Street Art

**Rebecca Gulowski**, U Augsburg–Analysing Graffiti Traces: Towards the Iconography of Conflicts and Violence

**Ashley Toenjes**, Illinois State U–This Wall Speaks: Graffiti and the Construction of Transnational Space in Palestine

**Christoph Guenther**, U Leipzig–The Visualization of an “Islamic State in Iraq and greater Syria”: Religio-Political Conflict Mediatized

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### **Taxi**

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For those who need a little extra assistance, there will be limited bus service to the Cultural Center. The bus will depart at 7:00 p.m. from the hotel's 24th St. entrance (located between Woodley Market and Harry's Pub).

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**Meeting of Officers of MESA's Affiliated Associations**

Park Tower Suite 8212 (L)

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**Middle East Center & Program Directors Meeting**

Maryland A (L)

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**AUC Press Arabic Language Program Information Session,**  
Taft (M)

11am-1pm

**Western Consortium of Middle East Centers Meeting**

Park Tower Suite 8224 (M)

7-8:45pm

**Journal of Middle East Women's Studies Editorial Board Meeting**  
Wilson B (M)

8:30-10pm

**Association for Middle East Women's Studies Reception**  
Wilson A (M)

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**Lebanese American University Reception**  
Coolidge (M)

9-10:30pm

**Harvard University CMES Reception**  
Virginia B (L)

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**(3641) Elite Change after the Arab Spring: Egypt, Tunisia, Libya, and Yemen**

Organized by **Dina Bishara** and **Holger Albrecht**

Chair: **Lisa Anderson**, American U Cairo  
Discussant: **Ellen Lust**, Yale U

**Dina Bishara**, U Oxford and **Nadine Abdalla**, SWP Berlin—Changing Patterns of Elite Recruitment in the Egyptian Transformation

**Holger Albrecht**, American U Cairo—Cain and Abel in the Land of Sheba: Elite Conflict and Political Transition in Yemen  
**Virginie Collombier**, European U Inst—New Elites and the Reality of Power in Post-Qaddafi Libya

**(3648) Oil and Discourse in the Gulf Region**

Organized by **Arbella Bet-Shlimon**

Chair: **Dina Rizk Khoury**, George Washington U

Discussant: **Robert Vitalis**, U Pennsylvania

**Arbella Bet-Shlimon**, U Washington—The Political Anxieties of Iraqi Oil Since the 1920s

**Mona Damluji**, Wheaton Col—The Cinematic World of Oil Modernity

**Roger Stern**, U Tulsa—Peak Oil Discourse and the Folklore of US National Security Policy

**Rosie Bsheer**, Yale U—Infrastructures of Petro-Modernity in Saudi Arabia

**(3656) Imagining Death and the Afterlife in the Middle East (c. 500-1700 CE)**

Organized by **Ali Yaycioglu** and **Patricia Blessing**

Chair: **Ali Yaycioglu**, Stanford U

**Torsten Hylen**, Dalarna U—New Meanings to Old Rituals: The Emergence of Mourning Rituals in Shi'ite Islam

**Roy Vilozy**, Hebrew U Jerusalem—Death in Medieval Shiite Thought: Approaching the Undesired

**Jochen Sokoly**, Virginia Commonwealth U Qatar—The Burial Fabrics of Fatimid Egypt: The Funerary Context of Early Islamic Tiraz Textiles

**Peter Wandel**, The David Collection—Images of the Islamic Afterlife as a Way of Promoting Conversion: A Study of Five Recently Disclosed Miniatures from a 15th Century Central Asian Mirajnama  
**Cristelle Baskins**, Tufts U—Writing the Dead in Qazvin, Shiraz, and Rome

**(3670) Is There a Need for a New Primary Source Reader for the History of Pre-Modern Islamic Civilizations?**

Organized by **John Curry**

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**Committee for Undergraduate Middle East Studies (CUMES)**

Chair: **Thomas A. Carlson**, Oklahoma State U

**Edgar W. Francis IV**, U Wisconsin Stevens Point

**Stephen E. Tamari**, Southern Illinois U Edwardsville

**Ghada Jayyusi-Lehn**, American U Sharjah

**Dagmar A. Riedel**, Columbia U

**Nicola Ramsey**, Edinburgh U Press

**Roundtable**

**(3691) Proficiency Testing and Turkish**

Organized by **Roberta Micallef**

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**American Association of Teachers of Turkic Languages (AATT)**

Chair: **Roberta Micallef**, Boston U

**Jeannette E. Okur**, U Texas Austin

**Erika H. Gilson**, Princeton U

**Ercan Balci**, U Illinois

**Nilay Sevinc**, U Michigan Ann Arbor

**Feride Hatiboglu**, U Pennsylvania

**Senay Sarac**, Hacettepe U



**(3730) Long-Term Consequences of Colonialism**

Organized by **Adi Greif**

Chair: **Adria Lawrence**, Yale U  
Discussant: **Sean Yom**, Temple U

**David Siddhartha Patel**, Brandeis U—Lines in the Sand?: Border Dynamics in the Middle East

**Adi Greif**, Yale U—Impact of Imperialism: Gender in Syria and Iraq

**Emma Hayward**, U Pennsylvania—Colonial Legacies and Judicial Institutions in Lebanon and Egypt

**Anya Vodopyanov**, Harvard U—Origins and Long-term Effects of Distributive Institutions on State-Society Relations and Contention in MENA

**Mohamed Saleh**, Toulouse School of Economics—The Cotton Boom and Slavery in Nineteenth Century Egypt

**(3737) Religious Inclusivity and Civilizational Identity: Expanding Iranian Identities Along Religious, Ethnic, and Gender Lines**

Organized by **Lior Sternfeld**

Chair/Discussant: **Mohamad Tavakoli-Targhi**, U Toronto

**Lior Sternfeld**, U Texas Austin—Iran is My Homeland, Jerusalem is My Qiblah: Iranian Jews Between Zionist and Iranian Identities

**Shaherzad Ahmadi**, U Texas Austin—The Iran-Iraq War and Subaltern Subjectivities

**Menahem Merhavy**, Truman Inst for the Advancement of Peace—The National Appropriation of Religious Symbols in Iran: Quranic Exegesis in the Service of Iranian Identity

**Mina Yazdani**, Eastern Kentucky U—Baha'is of Iran, 1941-1979

**(3745) Green Tangle: A Multidisciplinary Approach to Mediterranean Political Ecologies**

Organized by **Chris Gratien** and **Graham Auman Pitts**

Chair: **Elektra Kostopoulou**, Rutgers U  
Discussant: **Kyle T. Evered**, Michigan State U

**Robert Greeley**, Middlebury Col—The Rule of Law and Local Capacity  
**Chris Gratien**, Georgetown U—Tuber

Tragedies: Famine, Food, and the Ottoman Encounter with the Potato

**Hande Ozkan**, Transylvania U—Negotiating the State and Making Subjects in Turkey's Forests

**Graham Auman Pitts**, Georgetown U—'Because You Ate the Bread and Were Full': The Maronite Patriarchate and the Environmental Origins of Lebanon

**(3790) Coping with Setbacks and Reflecting on the Future: Islamist Thought in the Aftermath of the Arab Spring**

Organized by **Aria Nakissa** and **Carl Sharif El-Tobgui**

Chair: **Intisar Rabb**, Harvard Law School

**Ovamer Anjum**, U Toledo—Recognizing Secularism: Between Islamist and Western Academic Discourses

**Ahmad Z. Obiedat**, U Virginia—Taha 'Abd Al-Rahman's Political Mysticism in Response to Secularist and Islamist Movements

**Carl Sharif El-Tobgui**, Brandeis U—Fiqh Discourses and the July 2013 Military Coup in Egypt

**Aria Nakissa**, U Winnipeg—Abdelwahab Elmessiri and Contemporary Arab Discourses on Secularism

**Abdullah Al-Arian**, Georgetown U SFS—Q—From the Ashes of Rabaa: History and the Future of the Muslim Brotherhood

**(3793) Saudi Arabian Urbanities: Histories of Civic Engagement and Urban Everyday Life in Changing State Settings**

Organized by **Ulrike Freitag**

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Association for Gulf Arabian  
Peninsula Studies (AGAPS)

Chair: **Peter Mandaville**, George Mason U

**Ulrike Freitag**, Zentrum Moderner Orient, Berlin—The Al-Falah School in Jeddah: Civic Engagement for Future Generations?

**Zina Sawaf**, Graduate Inst of Development and International Studies—Women and Genealogies in Urban Saudi Arabia: Remembering for the Sake of the Nation

**Claudia Ghrawi**, Zentrum Moderner Orient—In the Service of the Community?: Civic Engagement Among Commercial Entrepreneurs, Government Officials and Civil Servants in Dammam and Al-Khobar, 1940s-1970s

**Annemarie Van Geel**, Radboud U Nijmegen—Everyday Life and Women's Urban Activities in Saudi Arabia: Negotiating Sex Segregation and "Mixing" Between Men and Women in University Education

**(3820) Governing Urban Informality: From Colonial to Neoliberal Cairo**

Organized by **Mohammed Ezzeldin** and **Shehab Ismail**

Chair/Discussant: **Khaled Fahmy**, American U Cairo

**Mohamed Gamal Abdelmonem**, Queen's U Belfast—Homes of Modernity: European Influences on the Architecture of Home in Cairo at the Turn of Twentieth Century

**Momen El-Husseiny**, UC Berkeley—An Architecture of the In-Between: Modernizing Egyptian Peasant Space, 1940-1952

**Shehab Ismail**, Columbia U—"Dens of Misery and Squalor": Governing the Slums in British Colonial Cairo, 1882-1922

**Jon Argaman**, U Pennsylvania—Planning for Disaster: Risk-Management, Visibility, and Informal Settlements in Cairo

**Mohammed Ezzeldin**, City U of New York—Thuggery Revisited: Neoliberalism, Violence and Revolution in Egypt

**(3834) Law, Contestations and Public Formations in Turkey**

Organized by **Daniella Kuzmanovic** and **Andrea Karlsson**

Chair: **Sune Haugbolle**, Roskilde U

**Daniella Kuzmanovic**, U Copenhagen—In Quest of Balance: Law, Ethics, and Journalism in the Columns of Abdi Ipekci

**Defne Over**, Cornell U—Struggles around Freedom of Expression in Turkey: Continuity in Judicial Pressure over Public Expression Between 1980-2014

**Joakim Parslow**, U Washington—"If Only I Had Been His Lawyer ...": Political Trials and Public Lawyering Ideals in Turkey, 1970-1980

**Andrea Karlsson**, Lund U—The Liberal Public and Prefigurations of a New Public Sphere

**(3840) Violence, Politics and the State in Morocco**

Organized by **Driss Maghraoui**

Discussant: **Abdeslam Maghraoui**, Duke U

**Driss Maghraoui**, Al Akhwayn U–The Makhzen in 19th Century Morocco: Between Physical and Symbolic Violence  
**Abdelmajid Hannoum**, U Kansas–Hogra, Structural Violence or Symbolic Violence?

**Abdelhay Moudden**–Visualizing the Painful Past: Struggle over Political Legitimacy in Morocco

**Aomar Boum**, UCLA–Telling Histories of Violence: Hassan II and His Opposition in Moroccan Newspapers in the Era of Mohammed VI

**Mustapha Qadery**, Mohammed V U–The Glaoui's in Tribal Land: Violence and French Colonial Rule in Morocco

**(3847) Left Behind Democracy**

Organized by **Rita Stephan**

Discussant: **Tamer Sorek**, U Florida

**Asaad Al-Saleh**, U Utah–Serving the Regime: Buthaina Shabaan and the Legacy of a Public Intellectual Siding Against the Syrian Revolution

**Theresa Hunt**, New Jersey Inst of Technology–Launching Revolutions and Challenging the State: Egyptian Women's Anti-Sexual Harassment Campaigns

**Jan Feldman**, U Vermont–Twice Marginalized: Tunisian Women Prisoners of Conscience Find Their Voice

**Manal Al-Natour**, West Virginia U–Women “in the Crossfire”: The Syrian Revolution 2011

**Samaa Gamie**, Lincoln U–The Egyptian Revolution and the Feminist Divide: The Feminist Rhetorics of the Revolution

**(3850) Integrating Dialect in the Arabic Curriculum: Evidence from the Classroom**

Organized by **Mahmoud Al-Batal**

Chair: **Mahmoud Al-Batal**, U Texas Austin  
Discussant: **Sonia Shiri**, U Arizona

**Lama Nassif**, U Texas Austin–To Integrate or Not to Integrate Dialects: Voices from Arabic L2 Learner Speech  
**Nesrine Basheer**, U Texas Austin–Are They Confused?: Evidence from Arabic L2 Student Writing

**Caroline Najour**, U Texas Austin–Teachers' Voices: Analysis of Teachers' Speech in Integrated Arabic Classrooms

**William Hussman**, U Texas Austin–Integrating Dialect in the Arabic Classroom: Students' Perspectives

**(3854) On Set: Middle Eastern Cinema, Space, and the Ethics of Looking**

Organized by **Katie Logan**

Chair: **Blake Atwood**, U Texas Austin

**Katie Logan**, U Texas Austin–Costuming Space: Visual Engagements with Jordan in Contemporary Cinema

**Anna Ziajka Stanton**, U Texas Austin–Ritual Spaces, Uncanny Places: Cinematic Representations of Loss in Husayn Kamāl's *Chitchat on the Nile*

**Drew Paul**, U Tennessee–The Illusion of the One-Way Mirror: Filming the Checkpoint in Elia Suleiman's *Divine Intervention*  
**Golbarg Rekabtalaei**, U Toronto–Contesting Tehran: Early Cinematic Visions of a City in Transformation

**(3856) Ottomans Abroad?: Comparative Studies in Ottoman Migration from the Americas to Afghanistan**

Organized by **Leyla Amzi-Erdogdular**

Discussant: **Isa Blumi**, Georgia State U

**Faiz Ahmed**, Brown U–The Sultanis of Kabul: Ottoman Expatriates in Afghanistan, 1902-1923

**James H. Meyer**, Montana State U–Turks across Empires: Marketing Muslim Identity in Russia and Istanbul

**Leyla Amzi-Erdogdular**, Columbia U–Migration Debates in Habsburg Bosnia Herzegovina, 1878-1914

**Steven Hyland**, Wingate U–“A Resplendent Assembly of Patriotism”: The 1908 Young Turk Revolution, Syrian Émigrés and Belonging in Northwestern Argentina  
**Devi Mays**, U Michigan Ann Arbor–When the ‘Citizenship Question’ becomes the ‘Minority Question,’ or Ottoman Jewish Émigrés Between the Ottoman Empire and Turkey

**(3876) Contested Voices: Gender, Narrative, and Subversion in Arab American Women's Writing**

Organized by **Pauline Homsy Vinson** and **Elizabeth Claire Saylor**

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(AASA)

Chair/Discussant: **Lisa Suhair Majaj**,  
Independent Scholar

**Elizabeth Claire Saylor**, UC Berkeley–Subversive Sisterhood: Love Between Women in the Arabic Novels of ‘Afifa Karam

**Pauline Homsy Vinson**, Diablo Valley Col–Gendered Spaces of Narration: Arab American Women's Writing and the Figure of Scheherazade in Diaspora

**Carol Fadda-Conrey**, Syracuse U–Rethinking Arab Masculinities: Intersections of Race, Religion, and National Origin in the Arab American Novel

**Rachel Norman**, UNC Chapel Hill–Language Games: Restructuring Power and Gender in *The Girl in the Tangerine Scarf*

**(3899) Creativity and Renewal in Ottoman Diplomacy**

Organized by **M. Akif Kirecci**

Chair: **M. Akif Kirecci**, Bilkent U

**M. Akif Kirecci**, Bilkent U–Preamble to Chaldiran: War of Letters Between Selim I and Shah Ismail

**Fulya Tiryaki**, Bilkent U–Renewing the Image of the Other: 18th Century Ottoman Sefaretnames

**Hacer Topaktas**, Istanbul U–“Tayinat” System as a Status Indicator in Ottoman Bilateral Relations

**Berna Kamay**, Boğaziçi U–Ottoman Conduct of Public Diplomacy in Europe, 1839-1876

**Eleanor Lovinfosse**, Bilkent U–Ottoman Diplomacy Between Pragmatism and Islamism: German Emperor and Shahs' Visit to Istanbul

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Conversation

**(3903) Historical Ethnography of  
Palestinian Circulations**

Organized by **Camila Pastor de Maria y Campos**

**Camila Pastor de Maria y Campos**, CIDE  
**Nadim Bawalsa**, New York U

**(3904) Contesting Secular-Mod-  
ernist and Islamist Thought: Global  
Dynamics, Local Politics and Muslim  
Intellectuals in a Changing Arab  
World**

Organized **Nadia Oweidat**

Chair: **John O. Voll**, Georgetown U

**Monica L. Marks**, U Oxford–Re-Elaborating  
Islamism in a Post-Authoritarian Transi-  
tion: How Local and Global Factors are  
Shaping the Ideological Evolution of Tuni-  
sia's Ennahda

**M. Amine Tais**, Georgetown U–Rethink-  
ing Islam in Tunisia Today: Olfa Youssef  
as an Example

**Bader Mousa Al-Saif**, Georgetown U–  
The Role of the 'Ulama Network & the  
Egyptian State in the Articulation &  
Production of Religious Reform in Mid-  
Twentieth-Century Egypt

**Nadia Oweidat**, Oxford U–Secularism is  
the Solution: The Argument for Separat-  
ing Religion from Politics in the Thought  
of Nasr Hamid Abu Zayd

**(3923) Religion in the Late Ottoman  
Empire**

Chair: **Emine Ö. Evered**, Michigan State U

**Ayse Betul Tekin**, Columbia U–Muham-  
mad Abduh's Approach to History of  
Religions

**Zeynep Oktay**, École Pratique des Hautes  
Études–Kaygusuz Abdâl and the Doctrine  
of the Abdâls of Rûm

**Riza Yildirim**, TOBB U of Economics and  
Technology–Penetration of Shi'ite Ideals  
into the Ottoman Realm

**Bill Hickman**, UC Berkeley–Who Really  
Wrote the Ottoman Turkish Story of Hal-  
laj?

**Waleed Ziad**, Yale U–Connecting Pasha-  
war and Bukhara: The Transmission of  
Sufi Popular Authority in the Great Game  
Buffer States

**Dr. Vefa Erginbas**, Providence Col–Otto-  
man Sunnism Contested: Ahl Al-Baytism  
in Ottoman Historical Writing to 1650

**(3939) Expressing the Modern in the  
Maghreb**

Chair: **Nizar F. Hermes**, Princeton U

**Ghada Mourad**, UC Irvine–Transgression,  
Postcolonial Arab Modernity, and Exile:  
The Case of Mohamed Leftah

**Touria Khannous**, Louisiana State  
U–Images of the Black in Maghrebian  
Literature

**Colette Apelian**, Berkeley City Col &  
Centre Jacques Berque–Stickers and  
Eyelashes: Automobile Decoration in  
Moroccan Cities

**Sandra G. Carter**, U Houston Victoria–  
Cinematic Women in the City of Darkness:  
Casablanca

**Annick Durand**, Zayed U–Tangier's In-  
ternational Zone as a Space of Libertarian  
Utopia in William Burroughs' *Interzone*

**(3960) Social Movements and Con-  
tentious Politics**

**Bahar Tabakoglu**, New School For Social  
Research–Working Class as a Social Con-  
stituent of Religious Politics: Comparative  
Reflections on Turkish and Indian Cases  
**Albana Dwonch**, U Washington–Youth  
Citizenship, Digital Media and Personal-  
ization of Contentious Politics

**Ashley Anderson**, Harvard U–Labor  
Unions Between Incorporation, Coopera-  
tion and Conflict: The Case of Morocco  
**Dilshod Achilov**, East Tennessee State  
U–Explaining the Nexus Between Islam,  
Islamism, and Collective Contentious  
Politics in the Middle East

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### (3643) Israel, the United States and a Changing Middle East

Organized by **Robert O. Freedman**

Sponsored by  
Association for Israel Studies

Chair/Discussant: **Robert O. Freedman**,  
Johns Hopkins U

**Eyal Zisser**, Tel Aviv U-Israel and the Arab World – Who's First – Syria, Egypt or Lebanon?

**Ilan Peleg**, Lafayette Col-Israel, Netanyahu & the Palestinians: Is the Third Term the Charm?!

**Rami Ginat**, Bar Ilan U-The Israeli-Egyptian-American Strategic Triangle: A Reassessment in Light of the Arab Uprising

**Joshua Teitelbaum**, Bar-Ilan U-Israel and the Gulf Cooperation Council: New Opportunities for Cooperation?

**Uzi Rabi**, Tel Aviv U-Iran and Israel: Post 2013 Elections

### (3646) Economies and Politics of War in the Middle East

Organized by **Laleh Khalili**

Chair/Discussant: **Rochelle Davis**,  
Georgetown U

**Lisa Bhungalia**, Syracuse U-Economies of War: Aid and the Liberal Encounter in Palestine

**Laleh Khalili**, SOAS U London-War and the Making of Logistics and Transport Infrastructure in the Gulf

**Toby C. Jones**, Rutgers U-Toxic War in the Middle East

**Nikolas Kosmatopoulos**, École Polytechnique Fédérale de Lausanne-Master Peace: Violence, Techno-Politics and Expertise in Post-Civil War Lebanon

### (3649) Intellectual Exchange Between the Ottoman Empire and South Asia

Chair/Discussant: **Giancarlo Casale**, U Minnesota

**Guy Burak**, New York U-Mapping Out the Legal Landscape of the Post-Mongol Islamic World: A Proposal for an Analytical Framework

**Irfana Hashmi**, Whittier Col-From the Indian Ocean to the Eastern Mediterranean: Al-Azhar and the Movement of Muslim Scholarly Elites

**Nur Sobers-Khan**, Museum of Islamic Art, Doha (Qatar)-Innovation, Commentary and Translation: Scientific and Religious Knowledge Between the Ottoman and Mughal Empires (16th-18th Centuries)

**Tuna Artun**, Rutgers New Brunswick-From Najaf to Hyderabad: Reading Ottoman Alchemical Works in the Turn of the Twentieth-Century Deccan

### (3654) Making Yemen's Islamic History: Engineering, Monuments, Taxes and Stimulants

Organized by **Daniel Martin Varisco**

Sponsored by  
American Institute for Yemeni Studies (AIYS)

Discussant: **Nancy Um**, Binghamton U

**Daniel Martin Varisco**, Qatar U-Coffee and Qat in Yemen: The Historical and Literary Evidence for Their Introduction

**Eirik Hovden**, Austrian Academy of Sciences-Ideal and Pragmatic Tax Law in Medieval Zaydi Yemen

**Ingrid Hehmeyer**, Ryerson U-Written versus Archaeological Evidence: The Example of Water and Wastewater in Medieval Zabid, Yemen

**Daniel Mahoney**, Austrian Academy of Sciences-A Cultural Heritage Text from Early Medieval South Arabia

### (3684) Medieval Islamic Polemic: Hagiography, Biography, and Secularism

Organized by **Nancy Khalek**

Chair/Discussant: **Nancy Khalek**, Brown U

**Mohammad Ghandehari**, Inst of Imami Studies-Purloined Excellence of the Companions: The Theft of Fadā'il in the Rivalry Between the Early Shī'ite and Sunni Narrators

**Najam Haider**, Barnard Col/Columbia U-The Post-Rebellion Life of Yahya b. 'Abd Allah (d. 187/802-3)

**Nebil Husayn**, Princeton U-Enmity for 'Alī and His Family: The Discourse Between Anti-Alid and Anti-Shī'i

**Adam Gaiser**, Florida State U-"Paradise is beneath the Gleaming Swords": Ibadi Depictions of the First Kharijites

**Matthew S. Gordon**, Miami U-Piety and Legitimation: Ahmad ibn Tulun in Al-Balawi's Sira

### (3710) Religiously Mixed Families in the Medieval Middle East: Intermarriage and Its Consequences

Organized by **Christian Sahner** and **Lev Weitz**

Sponsored by  
Middle East Medievalists (MEM)

Chair: **Antoine Borrut**, U Maryland  
Discussant: **Nina Safran**, Penn State U

**Phillip Ackerman-Lieberman**, Vanderbilt U-Jews and "Apostates": Geonic Literature on Conversion

**Uriel Simonsohn**, U Haifa-Matrimony and Apostasy: Christian, Islamic, and Jewish Legal Concerns over Religiously-Mixed Unions in the Classical Islamic Period

**Christian Sahner**, Princeton U-Mixed Marriage, Conversion, and Violence: Insights from Christian Hagiography in the Early Islamic Period

**Lev Weitz**, Catholic U America-Property, Gender, and Interreligious Marriage in Abbasid Iraq

### (3744) The Rule of Law in Contemporary Arab Societies

Organized by **David Mednicoff**

Chair: **Gwenn Okruhlik**, National U Singapore & AGAPS

Discussant: **David Mednicoff**, U Massachusetts Amherst

**Asli Bali**, UCLA School of Law-The Plasticity of International Human Rights Frameworks in Arab Transitions

**David Mednicoff**, U Massachusetts Amherst-The Rule of Law in the Arab Gulf: Contested Meanings and Social Change

**Sheila Carapico**, U Richmond-Articulations of National and International Legal Understandings

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### Roundtable

#### **(3763) Between Militarism and Islamism: Feminism in the Crossfire?**

Organized by **Mariz Tadros** and **Hoda Elsadda**

Sponsored by  
Association for Middle East  
Womens Studies (AMEWS)

Chair: **Deniz Kandiyoti**, SOAS U London

**Hoda Elsadda**, Cairo U  
**Mariz Tadros**, U Sussex  
**Nadje Al-Ali**, SOAS U London  
**Nicola Pratt**, U Warwick  
**Sondra Hale**, UCLA

#### **(3783) Algeria: Laboratory of Modern Warfare**

Organized by **Jacob A. Mundy** and **Brock Cutler**

Chair: **Jacob A. Mundy**, Colgate U  
Discussant: **Robert P. Parks**, Center for  
Maghrib Studies in Algeria

**Jacob A. Mundy**, Colgate U—An Algerian  
Way of War?: Framing the Conversation  
**Elizabeth Bishop**, Texas State U—Algeria:  
France's Nuclear Policy and Trans-Arab  
Resistance  
**Brock Cutler**, Radford U—Against  
Nature(s): War and Modernity in Nine-  
teenth-Century Algeria

#### **(3787) Microhistories of Palestine**

Organized by **Liora R. Halperin** and  
**Mark Sanagan**

Chair/Discussant: **Laila Parsons**, McGill U

**Rosemarie M. Esber**, Arabicus Books &  
Media—The Tantura Massacre of 1948  
**Liora R. Halperin**, U Colorado Boulder—A  
Microhistory of Jewish-Arab Conflict in  
Late Ottoman Palestine  
**Mark Sanagan**, McGill U—Violence, Land  
and the Law in Şaffūriyya, 1932-1935  
**Shay Hazkani**, New York U—Fighting  
for Palestine, Even if My Parents Say No:  
Egyptian Muslim Brothers Writing from  
Palestine, 1948

#### **(3815) The Question of Revolution in Syria**

Organized by **Thomas Vladimir Broend**

Discussant: **Michaelle L. Browsers**, Wake  
Forest U

**Wendy Pearlman**, Northwestern U—  
Changing Meanings of Fear: Syrian Refu-  
gees Narrate the Revolution  
**Thomas Vladimir Broend**, Roskilde  
U—"We are Looking for a New Revolu-  
tion": Ideology and Identity Among Syrian  
Activists  
**Anne-Marie McManus**, Washington  
U in St. Louis—Theorizing Revolution:  
Documentary Film and New Sociologies  
of Syria  
**Adam Baczko**, EHESS, Gilles Dorron-  
soro, Sorbonne U, and **Arthur Quesnay**,  
Paris Sorbonne U—Social Capital and the  
Genesis of Social Institutions in the Syr-  
ian Revolution

#### **(3821) Online Space for Collective Dissent: Reconstructing Gender Discourses in Egypt**

Organized by **Angie Abdelmonem**, **Vickie Langohr**, **Helen Rizzo**, and **Nicole Khoury**

Sponsored by  
Association for Middle East  
Women's Studies (AMEWS)

Chair: **Soraya Altorki**, American U Cairo  
Discussant: **Vickie Langohr**, Col of the  
Holy Cross

**Angie Abdelmonem**, Arizona State U—  
Understanding Taharush El-Ginsy: Chang-  
ing Conceptions of Sexual Harassment in  
Egypt  
**Amel Fahmy**, HarassMap—Crowdsourc-  
ing Data on Sexual Harassment in Egypt:  
What Works and What Doesn't?  
**Helen M. Rizzo**, American U Cairo—So-  
cial Media, Political Opportunity and the  
Anti-Sexual Harassment Campaign in  
Post-2011 Egypt  
**Nicole Khoury**, American U Beirut—Reli-  
giously Gendered: Political Discourse in  
Asmaa Mahfouz's YouTube Call for the  
2011 Egyptian Revolution

#### **(3835) Imagining and Enacting the Urban in Turkey and Morocco**

Organized by **Timur Hammond**

Chair/Discussant: **Gökçe Günel**, Columbia U

**Timur Hammond**, UCLA—Telling Istan-  
bul's Story Through Its Sahabe: Halid bin  
Zeyd, Eyüp, and a Blessed City  
**Janell Rothenberg**, UCLA—Experiencing  
the City, Port, and Zone of Tangier  
**Danielle van Dobben Schoon**, U Ari-  
zona—Sulukule as an Assemblage: Romani  
Identity and the Making of Istanbul  
**Elizabeth Angell**, Columbia U—Infra-  
structure as Performance: The Material  
Politics of AKP Governance in Istanbul

#### **(3848) Racial Melancholia and the Pleasures of Obstinate Attachments**

Organized by **Sara Mamani**

Chair: **Negar Mottahedeh**, Duke U

**Dina Al-Kassim**, U British Columbia—  
White Impurities: Memory's Craft in  
Abdelwahab Meddeb's *Blanches Traverses  
du Passé*  
**Roshanak Kheshti**, UC San Diego—On the  
Threshold of the Political: The Sonic Per-  
formativity of Rooftop Chanting in Iran  
**Sara Mamani**, UC San Diego—Conceptual-  
izing Loss: Transnational Feminism and  
the Iranian Revolution  
**Nima Naghibi**, Ryerson U—From Guilt  
to Shame in Nahid Persson's *My Stolen  
Revolution*

#### **(3858) Spaces of Movement: An Architectural Critique of Globality in the Middle East**

Organized by **Vahid Vahdat Zad**, Texas  
A&M U

**Ashley Dimmig**, U Michigan Ann Arbor—  
Sarmatism, Orientalism, and the Third  
Reich: The Afterlife of Ottoman Imperial  
Tents in Europe  
**Farshid Emami**, Harvard U—Shopping  
Mall in Translation: From US Suburbs to  
Pahlavi Tehran (1960-79)  
**Adeeb Daoud Naccache**, Technion—An-  
toine Tabet's Garden Mansions Housing  
Project in Haifa at the Crossroads of  
Empires: 1937-1945  
**Jeremy Ledger**, U Michigan Ann Arbor—  
Imagining the Mediterranean in Tripoli:  
Decoding the Nautical Chart of Ibrāhīm  
Al-Mursī, 865AH/1461 CE



## (3874) Symbolic Power, Contestation, and Authority in Turkey and Beyond

Organized by **Nicole Watts**

Chair: **Resat Kasaba**, U Washington  
Discussant: **Quinn Mecham**, Brigham Young U

**Senem Aslan**, Bates Col–‘Soon the Whole World Will Speak Turkish:’ International Turkish Olympiads and the Making of a National Image

**Hootan Shambayati**, Florida Gulf Coast U–Imagining Democracy: The International Environment and the Re-branding of Turkey’s Image

**Ceren Belge**, Concordia U–The Rules of Difference: Honor and National Identity in Turkish Criminal Courts

**Nicole Watts**, San Francisco State U–State-Society Relations and Struggles for the Symbolic Legacy of Suffering in Halabja

## (3918) Parliaments and Power in the Middle East

Chair: **M. Akif Kirecci**, Bilkent U

**Luai Allarakia**, U Houston–The Consequences of Miscalculated Electoral Manipulation in Autocratic Regimes: Elections to Kuwait’s Majlis Al-Ummah

**David Waldner**, U Virginia–Parties, Polarization and Democratic Development in the Middle East

**Annette Ranko**, GIGA Inst of Middle East Studies and **Mazen Hassan**, Cairo U–Inter-Elite Trust and Fragility of Transitions: A Comparison Between the Party Elites of Egypt and Tunisia

**Alireza Raisi**, Kent State U–Parliamentary Politics and Democratic Reform in Iran

**Abdul-Wahab Kayyali**, George Washington U–Why Parties in Morocco?: The Development and Strength of Political Parties Under Monarchy

**Jessica Doyle**, U Col Dublin–State-Led Civil Society and Problems of Democracy

## Special Session

### (3998) The US Congress and the Middle East

Organized and Supported by  
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This panel will address the role of Congress in US policy toward the Middle East, as well as the impact of the changes in the Congress following the November 2014 elections. The speakers will focus on the intersection of politics and policy, including the roles of outside experts, foreign governments, interest groups on policy, and the interactions between the legislative and executive branches in policy development. Two reporters from Al-Monitor and two Congressional staff members are the proposed panelists for this special session.

### (3938) Usage of Contemporary Arabic in the Digital Age

Chair: **Nathaniel Greenberg**, Northern Michigan U

**Dris Soulaïmani**, New York U Abu Dhabi–Arabic or Latin: Language Ideologies and Script Selection

**Brahim Chakrani**, Michigan State U–Performing Lived Experiences: Challenges to Narrative Construction for Arabic Heritage Speakers

**David Henen**, American U Cairo–Code Switching on Online Social Networks in Egypt

**Yasser Elshami**, American U Cairo–The Language of Contemporary Egyptian Newspapers Opinion Articles: Revisiting Badawi’s Model

### (3967) Aesthetic Politics in Elite and Mass Culture

Chair: **Somy Kim**, Boston U

**Rustin Zarkar**, New York U–A Mural Erased: Contestations of Public Space in Mashhad

**Sadam Issa**, Michigan State U–Women’s Cartoonists and Palestinian/Arab Nationalism: An Exploratory Study of Omayya Juha’s Cartoons

**Reem M. Hilal**, Allegheny Col–Who’s the Terrorist?: The Use of Hip Hop to Challenge the Image

**Anna Levett**, UNC Chapel Hill–‘The Revenge of Joyous Laughter’: Surreal Humor in Two Middle Eastern Films

### (3971) The “Youth” as Subject and Agent in Politics and Media

Chair: **Hedi BenAïcha**, American Public U System

**Niki Akhavan**, Catholic U America–Family Affairs: New Media, the State, and Women in Iran

**Ariana Marnicio**, Baker Inst for Public Policy–Advancing HIV Preventative Health Care for Young People: The Case of Jordan

**Russell Lucas**, Michigan State U–Youth, ICT, and Protests: Middle Eastern Contexts in a Global Perspective

**Didem Turkoglu**, UNC Chapel Hill–Discussing Politics on Facebook: Turkish Politics, Club Model and Rowdy Deliberative Talk

**Joel Rozen**, Princeton U–Insurgent Innovation: Teaching Enterprise in Post-Revolutionary Tunisia

### (3982) Ottoman Power and Practice in the 17th Century

Chair: **Weston F Cook, Jr**, UNC Pembroke

**Yasir Yilmaz**, Purdue U–From ‘gute Nachbarschaft und Freundschaft’ to the Second Siege of Vienna

**Charles L. Wilkins**, Wake Forest U–The Emergence of Ottoman Military Grandees in 17th-Century Aleppo: Three Case Studies

**Amaya Martin**, U Notre Dame–The Ottoman Authorities and the Franciscans: A View of Jerusalem in the Seventeenth Century

## 11AM-1PM Monday November 24

### (3952) Sectarian Radicalization and Violence I

Chair: **Cheira Belguellaoui**, DePauw U

**Richard Nielsen**, MIT–Jihadi Radicalization of Muslim Clerics

**Jerome Drevon**, Durham U–Mobilising Egyptian Fighters for the Syrian Jihad

Thematic  
Conversation

### (3993) Interdisciplinary Perspectives on Islamic Charities

Organized by **Mona Atia** and **Benoit Challand**

Session Leader: **Mona Atia**, George Washington U

**Gizem Zencirci**, Providence Col

**Benoit Challand**, New York U

**Amy Singer**, Inst for Advanced Study, Princeton

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1-2:30pm

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Special Session

**(4010) Middle East Scholarship and  
Engaging the Policy Community**

Organized by **Marc Lynch**

Chair: **Marc Lynch**, George Washington U

**Michele Dunne**, Carnegie Endowment for International Peace

**Tamara Cofman Wittes**, Brookings Inst

**Peter Mandaville**, George Mason U

**Daniel L. Byman**, Georgetown U

Policy relevance and public engagement have become increasingly central issues of debate for academics. Can scholars focusing on the Middle East meaningfully engage and inform policy towards the region? Should they? Do their efforts at engagement really make a difference? How has this changed in recent years? Do new media platforms help or hurt? This panel brings together scholars who have worked in government, universities, think tanks and the broad policy community to discuss the urgently important questions about policy relevance and the public role of academics.

**(3652) The Balkan Wars and Its Aftermath: A Centennial Perspective**

Organized by **Ryan Gingeras**

Chair: **Ryan Gingeras**, Naval Postgraduate School

Discussant: **Tolga U. Esmer**, Central European U

**Eyal Ginio**, Hebrew U Jerusalem–Ottoman POWs' Writings on the Balkan Wars

**Ramazan Hakki Oztan**, U Utah–Beyond Narratives of Consensus: Ottoman Intellectuals, Decision-Makers, and the Balkan Wars (1912–1913)

**Ryan Gingeras**, Naval Postgraduate School–Empire's End in Rumeli: Local and Imperial Impression of Macedonia after the Balkan Wars

**Isa Blumi**, Georgia State U–The Occupation Effect: The Consequences of Temporary Regimes in Ottoman Albania/Western Balkans, 1912–1917

Thematic  
Conversation

**(3682) Seen and Heard: Making Visible Assyrians and Middle Eastern Minorities**

Organized by **Sargon Donabed**

Session Leader: **Sargon Donabed**, Roger Williams U

**Fadi Dawood**, SOAS U London  
**Erin Hughes**, U of Edinburgh

**(3693) Morality in Islamic Law and Legal Theory**

Organized by **Omar Farahat**

Chair/Discussant: **A. Kevin Reinhart**, Dartmouth Col

**Omar Farahat**, Columbia U–The Centrality of Morality to the Classical Ash'ari Concept of Legal Capacity

**Junaid Quadri**, U Illinois Chicago–Habitation in the Law: A Consideration of Ethical Concepts as Found in Works of Fiqh

**Dale J. Correa**, New York U–Making the Best of Limited Resources: Akhbār Al-Āḥād and the Moral System of God's Hikma

**Sohaib Khan**, Columbia U–Efficiency Matters: Contesting the Virtue of Legal Formalism in Islamic Banking and Finance

**(3697) Bridging the Rupture of 1948: The "Decolonization" and Erasure of Mandate Palestine**

Organized by **Jeffrey D. Reger** and **Leena Dallasheh**

Sponsored by

**Palestinian American Research Center (PARC)**

Chair: **Zachary Lockman**, New York U

Discussant: **Shira Robinson**, George Washington U

**Jeffrey D. Reger**, Georgetown U–Up-rooting Palestine: Olive Groves, Mass Dispossession, and Peasant Resistance, 1945–1955

**Hilary Falb Kalisman**, UC Berkeley–Learning Exile: Palestinian Students and Educators Abroad, 1940–1958

**Leena Dallasheh**, Rice U–Defying the Rupture, Affirming Presence: Palestinians in Nazareth Surviving 1948

**Rephael Stern**, Princeton U–Israel's Post-colonial Predicament and Its Contradicting Jurisdictional Claims in 1948

Roundtable

**(3701) Islamists in Power in the Arab Spring: Conflict and Compromise in Egypt and Tunisia**

Organized by **Vickie Langohr**

Chair: **Vickie Langohr**, Col of the Holy Cross

**Carrie Rosefsky Wickham**, Emory U

**Nadia Marzouki**, CNRS Paris

**Nathan J. Brown**, George Washington U

**Monica L. Marks**, U Oxford

**(3718) Neoliberal Politics of Charity in the Middle East**

Organized by **Damla Isik** and **Gizem Zencirci**

Chair: **Gizem Zencirci**, Providence Col

Discussant: **Mona Atia**, George Washington U

**Zeynep Atalay**, St. Mary's Col of California–"Civil Society is the Rising Currency in Politics Today": Transnational Charitable Giving and Neoliberalism  
**Gizem Zencirci**, Providence Col–Pro-Poor and Pro-Market?: Market Islam and New Politics of Islamic Generosity in Turkey

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**Damla Isik**, Regis U–Vakıf as Intent and Practice: Charity and Poor Relief in Contemporary Turkey

**Seyed Ahmad Mirtaheri**, Florida International U–Understanding Muslim Economy: The Case of Shi’ah Economy and the Practice of Waqf

**Kim Shively**, Kutztown U–Sanctifying Economy: Hizmet and the Purification of Wealth

**(3762) Cosmology and Authority: Ismā’īlī Philosophy in the Medieval Period**

Organized by **Khalil Andani**

Chair: **Daniel Beben**, Indiana U

**Khalil Andani**, Harvard U–Reconciling Apophatic and Kataphatic Theology: The Neoplatonic Qur’anic Exegesis of Nāṣir-i Khusraw

**Paul Anderson**, Harvard U–Echoes of the Gnostics: ‘Kitāb Kanz Al-Walad’ of Al-Ḥāmidī and the Incorporation of Mythic Cosmology into Ismā’īlī Thought

**Davlat Dadikhuda**, McGill U–The Ismā’īlī and Al-Ghazali on Infallible Instruction (Al-Ta’lim)

**(3765) Domestic Slavery in the Medieval Middle East**

Organized by **Craig Perry**

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Middle East Medievalists (MEM)

Chair: **Shaun E. Marmon**, Princeton U  
Discussant: **Madeline C. Zilfi**, U Maryland

**Thomas J. MacMaster**, U Edinburgh–Before They Were Rich: Domestic Slavery in the Arabia of Muhammad

**Karen Moukheiber**, American U Beirut–Islamic Law and Sexual Ethics: Debunking the Roles and Positions of Slave Women?

**Craig Perry**, Emory U–Household Slavery and the Honor of Free Jewish Women in Medieval Egypt

**Hannah Barker**, Rhodes Col–Domestic Slaves in the Mamluk Marketplace

**(3807) Narrating the “Global” Middle East: Migration, Securitization, Urbanism and Hyper-Consumerism**

Organized by **Nadine Sinno**

Chair: **Nadine Sinno**, Virginia Tech

**Amira Jarmakani**, Georgia State U–Securityscapes in Desert Romances: The Sheikh–Hero as Gated Community

**Ahmed Kanna**, U the Pacific–Terroristic Youth and Piratical Urbanism: MENA Cities in Contemporary Urban Theory

**Nadine Sinno**, Virginia Tech–Lebanon, the Land of Milk and Honey, Tabbouleh, and Coke: Orientalist, Local, and Global Discourses in Alexandra Chreiteh’s *Always Coca-Cola*

**Lucia Volk**, San Francisco State U–Arab boy and Arab Queen: Narratives of Deviance and Victimhood of Arab Youths in Germany

**(3811) Materials and Methods for a Changing Arabic Classroom**

Organized by **Corinne Stokes**

Chair: **Kristen Brustad**, U Texas Austin

**Muna Rehman**, U Texas Austin–Cultural Proficiency in the First-Year Arabic Classroom: A Survey of Learners’ Needs at the Secondary & Post-Secondary Level

**Michael Turner**, U Texas Austin–An Integrated Moroccan and Modern Standard Arabic Curriculum

**Anthony Edwards**, U Texas Austin–An ‘Arabic’ Composition: Teaching the Rawābiṭ in the Arabic Language Classroom

**Priscilla Cunha**, U Texas Austin–A Theoretical Framework for Secondary-Level Arabic Curricular Materials

**(3812) Conceptualizing Spatial Transformations in the Gulf and the Arabian Peninsula**

Organized by **Matthew MacLean**

Chair: **John M. Willis**, U Colorado

Discussant: **Arang Keshavarzian**, New York U

**Moain Sadeq**, Qatar U–Society and Daily Life Practices in Qatar before Oil Industry

**Johan Mathew**, U Massachusetts Amherst–Janus Spaces of Capital: Ports, Bandars and Arabian Nodes of the Indian Ocean World

**Lindsey Stephenson**, Princeton U–Port Cities, Hinterlands and Networks in the Northern Persian Gulf

**Matthew MacLean**, New York U–The Politics of Development and the Transformation of Space in the Northern Trucial States, 1965–1970

**(3813) Personnel and Patronage: Getting Ahead in the Ottoman System**

Organized by **Linda T. Darling** and **Christine Isom-Verhaaren**

Chair: **Assef Ashraf**, Yale U

Discussant: **Serdar Poyraz**, Missouri State U

**Murat Menguc**, Seton Hall U–Mahmud Paşa Angelovic (1420–74) and His Historians

**Christine Isom-Verhaaren**, Benedictine U–Ottoman Corsair Patrons and Clients: One Path to Naval Leadership

**Baki Tezcan**, UC Davis–Those Who Did Not Fit In: Ottoman Ulama from the Margins

**Linda T. Darling**, U Arizona–Beneficiaries of Patronage?: Retinues and Followers in the Ottoman Army

**Ekin Tusalp Atiyas**, IMS-FORTH–“The Bazaar of Eloquence”: Ottoman Scribes and Their Patrons in the Seventeenth Century

**(3826) Governing the Family in Turkey**

Organized by **Elif Babul**

Chair: **Hikmet Kocamaner**, U Arizona  
Discussant: **Jenny White**, Boston U

**Zeynep Korkman**, U Arizona–“Children are Blessings”: Neoconservative Family Values, Neoliberal Capital Accumulation, and the Occult

**Elif Babul**, Mount Holyoke Col–Protecting Women and Preserving Families: Women’s Rights and Masculinist State Protection in Turkey

**Berna Ekai**, EHESS–Dealing with Violence Against Women by Replacing the Family: The Public Women’s Shelters in Turkey

**Asli Zengin**, U Toronto–Queer Claims on “Real Family”: Abandonment, Disowning, and Transgender Deaths in Turkey

**(3851) Transatlantic Maghreb:  
Comparative Contexts and Transna-  
tional Frames**

Organized by **Ahmed Idrissi Alami**,  
Purdue U

Chair: **Roger M.A. Allen**, U Pennsylvania  
Discussant: **Mohammed Hirchi**, Colorado  
State U

**Stacy E. Holden**, Purdue U–The Cold War  
in Barbary: Re-Casting the Tripolitan War  
in Kenneth Roberts’s *Lydia Bailey*  
**Lara Dotson-Renta**, Quinnipiac U–Arab  
Migrations: Transnational Maghrebi  
Legacies in Latin America  
**Brian Edwards**, Northwestern U–Sexual-  
ity in Circulation: Abdellah Taïa and the  
Coming Out of Moroccan Fiction  
**Silvia Marsans-Sakly**, Fairfield U–Joined  
Together, Torn Asunder: The Regency of  
Tunis and the USA, Portrait of Civil War,  
1861-1865

**(3863) Across Time and Space:  
Religious Authority and Knowledge  
Transmission in Pre-Modern and  
Contemporary Islam**

Organized by **Josephine Gehlhar**

Chair: **Gudrun Kraemer**, Free U Berlin

**Miriam Ovadia**, Free U Berlin–Reas-  
serting the Authority of the Sources of  
Revelation: Ibn Qayyim Al-Jawziyya’s  
Criticism Against Rationalist Definitions  
of ‘Certain Knowledge’  
**Josephine Gehlhar**, Free U Berlin–On  
Establishing Authority: The Case of the  
Ottoman Tahāfut Tradition  
**Olly Akkerman**, Free U Berlin–The  
Transmission of Ismā‘īlī Manuscripts  
from Yemen to Gujarat  
**Antonia Bosanquet**, Free U Berlin–From  
Indifference to Recognition: The Chang-  
ing Reception of Aḥkām ahl Al-dhimma  
Since the 14th Century

**(3879) Security for All: The Evolu-  
tion of the Egyptian Ministry of  
Interior**

Organized by **Eric Schewe**

Chair/Discussant: **Ilana Feldman**, George  
Washington U

**Aaron G. Jakes**, New York U–Egypt’s  
Colonial Interior: Agrarian Development  
and the Reinvention of the Village Head-  
man, 1890-1914

**Casey Primel**, Columbia U–Towards a  
Perfect Order: Debt, Surveillance and  
Regulation in Colonial Egypt, 1898-1912  
**Eric Schewe**, U Michigan Ann Arbor–To  
Preserve the Material Foundation of the  
Country: The Egyptian Ministry of Inter-  
ior in the “Liberal Era,” 1930-1950  
**Dina Rashed**, U Chicago–From Fusion to  
Independence: The Egyptian Ministry of  
Interior and Institutional Change Under  
Nasser and Sadat

**(3905) Natural Resource Politics and  
Climate Change in the Middle East  
and North Africa**

Organized by **Scott Greenwood**

**Caroline Boules**, George Mason U–Cli-  
mate Change Policy and Adaptation in  
Agricultural Systems in Northeastern  
Tunisia  
**Nurcan Atalan-Helicke**, Skidmore Col–  
Counting Trees, Forgetting Forests: The  
Narratives About Forest Conservation in  
Turkey in 2000s  
**Scott Greenwood**, CSU San Marcos–Natu-  
ral Resource Mismanagement, Climate  
Change, and Ruling Bargains in the  
Middle East  
**Gregory W. White**, Smith Col–Water,  
Climate Change, and Tourism: The Hydro-  
logical Dimension of Morocco’s Economic  
Development Strategy

**(3931) Kurdishness, Identity, and  
Memory in Turkey**

Chair: **Dilan Okcuoglu**, Queen’s U

**Muna Guvenc**, UC Berkeley–Making  
Claims of Kurdishness: ‘Alternative’ Ur-  
ban Projects in Diyarbakir, Turkey  
**Gozde Ege**, U Washington–The Kurdish  
Movement and the Politics of Memory:  
Remembering Armenians in Van, Turkey  
**Mucahit Bilici**, John Jay Col CUNY–Kurd-  
ishness at Peace with Islam: Indigeniza-  
tion and the Kurdistan Approach to Post-  
Conflict Articulations of Kurdish Identity  
in Turkey  
**Lydia Shanklin Roll**, U Kentucky–“Here  
We Live Our Culture”: Claiming Kurdish-  
ness in Urban Turkey

**(3953) Sectarian Radicalization and  
Violence II**

Chair: **Christina Hellmich**, U Reading, UK

**Ihsan Alkhatib**, Murray State U–Leba-  
nese Shia-Sunni Relations and the Rise  
and Persistence of the Shaykh Al Aseer  
Phenomenon  
**Yousef Baker**, CSU Long Beach–Nation(s)-  
State(s): Competing Sovereignities and  
Sectarianism in Post-Invasion Iraq  
**Hamad Albloshi**, Kuwait U–The Huthi  
Insurgency and the Shia Revival  
**Marko Gagić**, University of Belgrade–An-  
sar Allah: The Protectors of Zaydi Islam  
or Seed of Sectarian Violence in Yemen

**(3956) Politics and Publics after the  
Arab Uprisings**

Chair: **Francesco Cavatorta**, Universite  
Laval

**Sabina Henneberg**, Johns Hopkins U–  
Governing Uncertainty: The First Interim  
Governments in Tunisia and Libya in  
2011-2012  
**Noha Aboueldahab**, U Durham–The Use  
and Abuse of Criminal Prosecutions: How  
the Arab Spring is Shaping Transitional  
Justice  
**Adham Saouli**, U Edinburgh–The Arab  
Uprisings and State (Re-)Formation in  
Syria and Iraq  
**Lindsay J. Benstead**, Portland State U–  
Does it Matter What Observers Say?: The  
Impact of International Monitoring on  
the Electoral Legitimacy  
**Sarah Weirich**, Rutgers - State U New  
Jersey–Archives, Blackmail, and Corrup-  
tion: The Politics of Public Memory and  
Governance in Tunisia



## 2:30-4:30PM Monday November 24

### (3965) Countermovements in the Islamic Republic

Chair: **Shadee Abdi**, U Denver

**Hossein Zahed**, U Texas Dallas–State and Civil Society Relations in Iran During and after the Reform Era

**Hosna Sheikholeslami**, Yale U–Intellectual Threats to Critical Thinking in Iran: An Exploration of Three Contemporary Theoretical Currents

**Nafiseh Sharifi**, SOAS U London–Moving Beyond Resistance: Politics of Sex in Iran and Women’s Narratives of Embodiment

**Amirhossein Teimouri**, Texas Woman’s U–Islamic Republic of Iran: Increasing Complexities and the New Order of Intellectuals

**Aghil Daghagheleh**, Rutgers, State U New Jersey–Movementizing the Election: “Contentious” Meanings of “Conventional” Politics in the Iranian Presidential Election of 2013

### (3969) Film: Identity/Politics

Chair: **Carole Barnett**, Jacksonville U

**Evren Ozselcuk**, York U–The Critique of Scientific Vision in Nuri Bilge Ceylan’s *Once Upon a Time in Anatolia*

**Ali Papolizyazdi**, U Tehran–Radicalization of Anti-Modernism in Iranian Pre-Revolutionary Cinema: A Representation of the Traditional Society’s Outrage

**Meir Walters**, Georgetown U–Co-opting Criticism: The Politics of Commercial Comedy in Egypt

**Rebecca Joubin**, Davidson Col–The Politics of Gender and Dignity in Post-Uprising Syrian Television Drama

### (3974) Early Arabic Poetry

Chair: **Sebastian Guenther**, U of Goettingen

**Nathaniel Miller**, U Chicago–A Comparative Analysis of Migration Imagery in the Early Poetry of Tamīm and Hudhayl

**Jamila Davey**, U Texas Austin–Journeying Beyond Representationalism in Al-Shanfará’s *Lamiyyat Al-‘Arab*

**Cory Jorgensen**, George Washington U–“Team Collusion” in Umayyad-Era Flytings Poetry

**Erez Naaman**, American U–Collaborative-Interactive Composition of Arabic Poetry in 4th-5th/10th-11th Century Court Settings

**Pernilla Myrne**, U of Gothenburg–Women Against Men: Matrimonial Disputes and Satire Against Husbands in Early Arabic Literature

## 5-7PM Monday November 24

### Roundtable

#### **(3662) Polymath Sufis, Historians, and Learned Men: Cultural, Intellectual, and Political Networks in the Early Modern Ottoman World**

Organized by **Side Emre**

**Ahmet Tunc Sen**, U Chicago—A Natural Philosopher at Work in 15th-Century Ottoman Court: Husam b. Shams Al-Din Al-Cilani (d.>1495) and His Astrological Corpus

**Christopher Markiewicz**, U Chicago—The Roots of Idris Bidlisi's Theory of Kingship and the Making of an Ottoman Ideology of Rule in the Sixteenth Century

**Side Emre**, Texas A&M U—On the Cusp of Divine Truths and the Everlasting Quest for Knowledge: The Intellectual World of Muhyi-i Gülşeni (d.1606) (paper to be read)

**Pinar Emiralioglu**, Sam Houston State U—The Ottoman Enlightenment: 'Geography' and Politics in the Eighteenth Century

**John Curry**, U Nevada Las Vegas—The Sufi and the Captain: How the Nasuhi Order Survived a Late Seventeenth-Century Crisis

#### **(3687) Dressing and Undressing for the Nation in the Post-World War I Middle East**

Organized by **Ahmet Serdar Akturk**

Chair: **Joel Gordon**, U Arkansas

Discussant: **Sarah D. Shields**, UNC Chapel Hill

**Sevgi Adak**, Leiden U—Clothing and the Debate on Secular National Identity in Turkey: The Dress Law of 1934

**Ahmet Serdar Akturk**, Georgia Southern U—Kurdish Nationalism and Clothing Reform in the Post-Ottoman Era

**Sivan Balslev**, Tel Aviv U—Dressing and Impressing Hegemony: Dress Reform and Hegemonic Masculinity in Interwar Iran

**Hilary Kalmbach**, U Sussex—From Turban to Tarboush: Dress and the Construction of Egyptian National Identity in the Interwar Period

#### **(3690) Documenting the Arab Up-risings**

Organized by **Anaïs Salamon**

Chair: **Anaïs Salamon**, McGill U

**Johanna Sellman**, Ohio State U

**William J. Kopycki**, Library of Congress

**Roberta L. Dougherty**, Yale U Library

**Nancy Y. Reynolds**, Washington U in St. Louis

**Jaleh Fazelian**, Washington U in St. Louis

**Christopher Micklethwait**, St. Edward's U

#### **(3704) Society and Sasanian Legacy in Early Islam**

Organized by **Alison Marie Vacca**

Discussant: **Michael G. Morony**, UCLA

**Robert Haug**, U Cincinnati—Tūrān Triumphant: Abū Manşūr Tūsī's Shāhnāma and the Ghaznavid's Victory over the Sāsānian Social Order

**Alison Marie Vacca**, U Michigan Ann Arbor—Local Elites in Armīniya in the Umayyad and Early 'Abbāsī Periods

#### **(3727) Exploiting Mobile Technology and Computational Lexicography to Enhance Arabic Pedagogy**

Organized by **Jack Halpern**

Chair: **Karin C. Ryding**, Georgetown U

**Jack Halpern**, The CJK Dictionary Inst, Inc.—Applying Mobile-Assisted Language Technology to Transform Arabic Pedagogy

**Karen McNeil**, The CJK Dictionary Inst, Inc.—Arabic Corpus Lexicography: The Oxford Arabic Dictionary as Case Study

**Miled Faiza**, Brown U—Arabic-English Dictionaries: Past, Present and Future

**Bilal Maanaki**, U Virginia—Digital Tools for Mastering Arabic Verbs

#### **(3749) Transnational Islamic Television in the Middle East: Continuity and Change**

Organized by **Tuve Floden**

Chair/Discussant: **John O. Voll**, Georgetown U

**Tuve Floden**, Georgetown U—Media Preachers as Popular Storytellers: Leadership Theory, Social Development, and Stories of the Prophet Muhammad

**Hikmet Kocamaner**, U Arizona—The Impact of Television Broadcasting on Secularization and the Transformation of Islam in Turkey

**Thomas Maguire**, U Chicago—Heard but Not Seen: The Inclusion and Participation of Women in Islamic Satellite TV

**Yasmin Moll**, New York U—Translating Islam: The Cultural Politics of Subtitling in Transnational Islamic Television

#### **(3758) Beyond National Cartographies: Space, Place and Time in Palestinian Literature**

Organized by **Refqa Abu-Remaileh**

Sponsored by  
Palestinian American Research  
Center (PARC)

Chair/Discussant: **Michelle Hartman**, McGill U

**Joseph R. Farag**, Queen Mary U London—The Poetics of Placelessness After the Nakba

**Refqa Abu-Remaileh**, Von Humboldt Foundation—Longing for Haifa in Haifa: The Arab Cultural Heritage in Palestinian Narratives

**Nora Parr**, SOAS U London—Inter-textuality and the Borderless Novel: Creating a Space for the Imagination of Palestine

**Ahmad Diab**, New York U—Intimate Others: Representations of Arabs in Palestinian Poetry

**Amal Egeiq**, Williams Col—From Haifa to Ramallah (and Back): New Routes for Palestinian Literature

#### **(3777) Musical Politics in the Inter-war Maghrib**

Organized by **Jonathan Glasser**

Sponsored by  
American Institute for Maghrib  
Studies (AIMS)

**Mary Youssef**, Binghamton U SUNY—Praksa, or Breaking Rule(s): Aristophanes, Tawfiq Al-Hakim, and Egypt's "First Broadway-Style" Musical Comedy

**Chris Silver**, UCLA—"Arab" Singers, French Citizens: Algerian Jewish Musicians in the Interwar Period

**Jann Pasler**, UC San Diego—Colonial Radio and the Power of Music from Morocco to Tunisia

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**Jonathan Glasser**, Col of William and Mary—What is an Author in Interwar Algeria?: Recorded Music, Copyright, and the Problem of the Common

**(3791) Syrian Armenians in the Crossfire: The Syrian Uprising and the Future of a Shrinking Minority**  
Organized by **Elyse Semerdjian**

Sponsored by  
**Syrian Studies Association (SSA)**  
and  
**Society for Armenian Studies (SAS)**

Chair: **Bedross Der Matossian**, U Nebraska Lincoln  
Discussant: **Elyse Semerdjian**, Whitman Col

**Keith David Watenpugh**, UC Davis—Between Armenian Refugee and Syrian Citizen: The Colonial Origins of Syria's Contemporary Sectarianism  
**Ohannes Geukjian**, American U Beirut—The Syrian Armenian Diaspora and Conflict: Analyzing Patterns of Influence  
**Simon Payaslian**, Boston U—The Armenian Community in Syria: The End of an Ethno-Religious Community?  
**Harout Ekmanian**, Civilitas Foundation—Armenian Diasporan Community System Tested in the Syrian Uprising

**(3795) Gezi Park Protests: Debating the Terms of Politics, Democracy and Participation**  
Organized by **Sebnem Yardimci-Geyikci**

Discussant: **John M. VanderLippe**, New School for Social Research

**Sezin Öney**, Bilkent U—Despite/Due to Politics: Narratives of the “Gezi Protestor” Parliamentarians  
**Sebnem Yardimci-Geyikci**, TED U—Civil Unrest in Turkey: A Party Politics View  
**Meral Ugur Cinar**, Bilkent U—Can Money Buy Freedom?: Discourses on Economic Development and Democracy in Turkey  
**Kursat Cinar**, Ohio State U—Root Causes of the Gezi Movement: Changing Macropartisanship Patterns and Electoral Geography in Turkey

**(3808) Intellectual Underpinnings of Hodgson's Islamicate Venture**  
Organized by **Shiraz Hajiani**

Chair/Discussant: **Shiraz Hajiani**, U Chicago

**Michael J. Bechtel**, U Chicago—Teaching Hodgson  
**Kyle Bellows**, U Chicago—The Historian as Theologian  
**Lydia Kiesling**, UC Berkeley—The Pedagogy of Hodgson

**(3832) Archivaly Cosmopolitan and Locally Modern: New Scholarship on Late Ottoman Smyrna/Izmir**  
Organized by **Maureen Jackson**

Discussant: **Vangelis Kechriotis**, Boğaziçi U

**Malte Fuhrmann**, Turkish German U—Smyrna/Izmir as the Ottoman Experimental Ground in Modernity  
**Dina Danon**, Binghamton U—A Modern “Kehillah”: The Jews of Late Ottoman Izmir  
**Elena Frangakis-Syrett**, Queens Col CUNY—Modernity from Below: The Oriental Carpet Manufacturers Ltd of Izmir  
**Maureen Jackson**, Research Scholar—The Social Economy of Music-Making in an Empire at War: The Case of Smyrna/Izmir

**(3837) Municipal Politics and Policy Reforms in the MENA Region**  
Organized by **Marion Boulby** and **Janine A. Clark**

Discussant: **Melani C. Cammett**, Brown U

**Marion Boulby**, Trent U—Hamis Women in Municipalities: Patriarchal Politics  
**Mona Harb**, American U Beirut—Decentralization and the Politics of City Strategies: Lessons from Lebanon  
**Janine A. Clark**, U Guelph—Decentralization, Elite Displacement and Municipal Elections in Morocco  
**Ellen Lust**, Yale U—Rupture or Continuity?: The Formation and Performance of Local Councils in Post-2011 Tunisia

**(3845) Iron Women: From Revolutions to Reforms**  
Organized by **Rita Stephan**

Chair/Discussant: **Nicole Khoury**, American U Beirut

**Maro Youssef**, U Texas Austin—Algerian Women Navigate Through Authoritarianism  
**Namie Tsujigami**, U Tokyo—Saudi Women's Negotiation of Power and Space Through Driving Campaigns  
**Rita Stephan**, Georgetown U—Fighting on Three Fronts: Syrian Women's Struggle for Rights  
**Nelia Hyndman-Rizk**, UNSW—New Media/New Feminisms: The Lebanese Women's Movement Goes Online in the Arab Spring  
**Mounira Maya Charrad**, U Texas Austin—Gender in the New Constitution of Tunisia after the Arab Spring

**(3846) Spring Confronts Winter: The Publics and Counterpublics of the Arab and Iranian Uprisings**  
Organized by **Nahid Siamdoust**

Discussant: **Miriyam Aouragh**, U Westminster

**Nahid Siamdoust**, U Oxford—The Revolution Strikes Back: The Islamic Republic's Counterrevolution, or Operation ‘Plant Doubt’  
**Marwan M. Kraidy**, U Pennsylvania—Creative Insurgency: The Body in the Arab Uprisings  
**Joel Parker**, Tel Aviv U—The Sound Affects of the Syrian Uprising  
**Walter Tice Armbrust**, U Oxford—A Wall in Bulaq, an Allegory of Mubarak  
**Kira Allmann**, U Oxford—Back to Normal?: Digital Textuality, Activist Histories, or How the Arab Uprisings Will Be Forgotten

**(3888) The Nexus of Sect and Citizenship in the Modern Middle East**  
Organized by **Paul Sedra**

**Michaëlle L. Browsers**, Wake Forest U—Sectarianism and Opposition in Syria: Reading and Reception of Ghalioun's Question of Sectarianism and the “Problem” of Minorities  
**Paul Sedra**, Simon Fraser U—Egypt's Copts and Personal Status Law: A Lever for Factional Interests?  
**Zainab Saleh**, Haverford Col—Conceptualizing Sectarianism in Iraq

## 5-7PM Monday November 24

### **(3907) Natural Resources and Political Conflict: Middle Eastern Environmental Disputes and Their Impact in a Changing Region**

Organized by **Kevin M. DeJesus**

Chair: **Kevin M. DeJesus**, Johnson and Wales U

**Allison Hartnett**, U Oxford—Against the Flow: Stakeholder Dynamics and Informal Institutions in Jordanian Water Governance

**Zohra Ismail-Beben**, Col of William and Mary—Problems of Collective Action and Natural Resources in Rural Tajikistan

### **(3917) Perilous Peacemaking: Israeli-Palestinian Relations Since Oslo**

Chair: **Timothy Schorn**, U South Dakota

**Elie Podeh**, Hebrew U Jerusalem—Missed Opportunities in the Arab-Israeli Conflict: The Case of the Arab Peace Initiative (2002-2014)

**Maia Carter Hallward**, Kennesaw State U—Choosing to Negotiate Under Sub-Optimal Conditions: The 2013 Israeli-Palestinian Negotiations

**Gabriele Mombelli**, U Florence—The Palestinian National Authority Security Sector: An Operational Overview

**Karam Dana**, U Washington—Twenty Years after Oslo: What Do Palestinians Think?

**Andrew Barwig**, Department of State—“New Blood” in Israel’s Knesset: Elite Circulation and Parliamentary Resilience

### **(3920) Slavery in the Islamic World**

Chair: **Ceyda Karamursel**, U Pennsylvania

**Tara Stephan**, New York U—“Captivity is Harder Than All”: Captives and Ransom in the Jewish Communities, 1000-1300

**Michael Ferguson**, McGill U—State versus Private Care of Emancipated African Children in Late Ottoman Izmir

**Shaun E. Marmon**, Princeton U—“I Bought Her and I Named Her”: Names, Ethnicity and the Experience of Enslavement in Mamlūk Society

### **(3961) U.S. Interventions**

Chair: **Shea Garrison**, Tulane U

**Benjamin Schuetze**, SOAS U London—“The Special Forces Experience”: An Analysis of US Security Assistance to Jordan at the Example of the King Abdullah II Special Operations Training Centre

**Nida Alahmad**, European U Inst—Illuminating a State: State-Building and Electricity in Occupied Iraq

**Hayat Alvi**, US Naval War Col—US-Egyptian Security Cooperation: Counter-Terrorism Operations with the “Frenemy”

**Matthew Kelly**, Independent Scholar—The United States, the Middle East, and the Imperialism Question

Thematic  
Conversation

### **(3990) The Funding of Middle East Studies post-9/11**

Organized by **Christopher Stone**, Hunter Col CUNY

**Jonathan H. Shannon**, Hunter Col CUNY

**Samer M. Ali**, U Texas Austin

**Joel Beinin**, Stanford U

**Joshua Stacher**, Kent State U

**(3650) Identity and Conflict in the Contemporary Middle East**

Organized by **William Mark Habeeb**

Chair/Discussant: **William Mark Habeeb**, Georgetown U

**Omri Nir**, Tel Aviv U–The Use of National and Religious Identities in Current Sunni-Shiite Conflict in Lebanon

**Isabella Alexander**, Emory U–Black by Nationality: Assimilation, Nationalism, and Xenophobia at the Maghrebi Border

**Nicholas Al-Jeloo**, U Sydney–Provinces for Minorities: Re-Mapping Iraq's Internal Boundaries

**Elise Alexander**, Harvard U–Conflict and Ethnic-Religious Diversity: The Case of the Syrian Jezireh

**David Tal**, U Sussex–The Many Faces of the Arab-Jew

**(3659) The Arab Spring and the Quest for New Politics in Egypt and Tunisia: Beyond the Islamist and Secularist Divide**

Organized by **Mervat Hatem**

Chair: **Dietrich Jung**, U Southern Denmark

**Hamza Meddeb**, European U Inst–Of Ambivalences and Reivention of “Republican Islam” in Tunisia

**Mulki Al-Sharmani**, U Helsinki–Islamic Feminism in Egypt after July 3, 2013

**Mervat Hatem**, Howard U–Youth, Labor and Gendered Voices in the Face of the Egyptian Counterrevolution

**Nadia Marzouki**, CNRS Paris–The Role of Compromise and Dialogue in the Tunisian Democratic Transition

**(3688) Book History & the Middle East**

Organized by **Kathryn Schwartz**

Organized under the auspices of Society for the History of Authorship, Reading and Publishing (SHARP)

Chair: **Dagmar A. Riedel**, Columbia U  
Discussant: **Nelly Hanna**, American U Cairo

**Frédéric Bauden**, U Liege–Al-Maqrizi's Collection of Opuscles: A Unique Example of Book Production in the Mamluk Period

**Elise Franssen**, U Liege–How Useful a Database of Manuscripts Ownership Marks Can Be?: Presentation of a New Project and Case Studies

**Alya Karame**, U Edinburgh–Visual Manifestations in Qur'ans of the 10th and 11th Centuries: A New Role?

**Meredith Quinn**, Harvard U–Towards a Social History of Ottoman Books

**Kathryn Schwartz**, Harvard U–Transformed Meanings: Manuscript to Treatise, and Print to Civilization in 19th c. Khedivial Cairo

**(3723) The Manifold Quest for Freedom at the Close of Ottoman Rule**

Organized by **Ami Ayalon**

Chair: **Yaron Ayalon**, Ball State U

**Ami Ayalon**, Tel Aviv U–Freedom of Expression after 1908, Its Joys and Hazards  
**Yuval Ben-Bassat**, UC Berkeley–Reflections on the Constitutional Discourse in Ottoman Petitions after the Young Turk Revolution

**Fruma Zachs**, U Haifa–To Vote or Not to Vote: Women Debating Their Rights in the Arab Press, 1890–1914

**Bedross Der Matossian**, U Nebraska-Lincoln–Debating the Limits of Freedom in the Ethnic Press after the Young Turk Revolution of 1908

Roundtable

**(3751) Oral History in the Middle East: Promises, Pitfalls, and Perils**

Organized by **Nicola Pratt**

Chair: **Mary Ann Fay**, Morgan State U

**Nancy E. Gallagher**, UC Santa Barbara  
**Nadia Jones-Gailani**, U South Florida  
**Nicola Pratt**, U Warwick

**Sophie Richter-Devroe**, U Exeter

**Lucia Sorbera**, U Sydney

**Gennaro Gervasio**, British U in Egypt

Thematic Conversation

**(3766) Pre-Ottoman Technology in Islamic History**

Organized by **Karen C. Pinto**

Session Leader: **Karen C. Pinto**, Boise State U

**Richard W. Bulliet**, Columbia U

**Abigail E. Owen**, U Oregon

**Stuart J. Borsch**, Assumption Col

**(3774) Arab Intellectual Thought: Other Directions, Part I**

Organized by **Muhsin J. Al-Musawi** and **Yasmine Khayyat**

Chair: **Tarek El-Ariss**, U Texas Austin

Discussant: **Muhsin J. Al-Musawi**, Columbia U

**Boutheina Khaldi**, American U Sharjah–Aziz Al-Sayyid Jasim's Critique of Sufism in Modern Arabic Poetics

**Hilla Peled-Shapira**, Bar-Ilan U–Breaking Taboos in Iraq: The Case of Gha'ib Tu'ma Farman

**Muhsin J. Al-Musawi**, Columbia U–A Genealogy of Aziz Al-Sayyid Jasim's Theorem

**Yasmine Khayyat**, Rutgers U–A Poetics of Ruins: From Iraq to Lebanon's Southern Borderland

**(3775) Theories of Language in the Arabo-Islamic Intellectual Tradition: Theology, Logic, Balagha**

Organized by **Margaret Larkin**

Chair: **Margaret Larkin**, UC Berkeley

**Rachel Friedman**, UC Berkeley–Al-Bāqillāni's Theological Contribution to i'jāz Al-Qur'ān Discourse

**Abdallah Soufan**, Georgetown U–Ibn Taymiyyah's Theory of Language and His Theological Project

**Margaret Larkin**, UC Berkeley–Al-Rummāni's Taṣrīf and Its Implications for the Study of i'jāz Al-Qur'ān

**Pei-Chen Tsung**, UC Berkeley–Al-Jurjāni's Al-Risāla Al-shāfiya and the Historical Contours of i'jāz Discussion

**Asad Ahmed**, UC Berkeley–Neutralizing the Metaphor: Developments in Pre-Modern Arabo-Islamic Logic

**(3781) Visual Knowledge in Motion: Reframing the Creation of Cultural Practices in the Modern Middle East, Turkey and Iran**

Organized by **Melania Savino**

Chair: **Nadia Radwan**, American U Dubai  
Discussant: **Dina A. Ramadan**, Bard Col

**Elahe Helbig**, U Bonn–Making Visible: Photography as Visual Knowledge at the Edge of the 19th Century Iran

**Martina Becker**, Forum Transregionale Studien, Berlin–Visionary Accidents

**Nadia Radwan**, American U Dubai–From “Atelier” to “Marsam”: The Transformation in the Practice of Visual Arts in Egypt at the beginning of the 20th Century  
**Melania Savino**, KHI, Max Planck Inst–Exploring Visual Knowledge: The Creation of Archaeological Museums in the Turkish Republic

**(3782) Post-Colonialities and Feminisms: The Challenge of Orientalism**  
 Organized by **Ariel Sincoff-Yedid**

Discussant: **Melinda Brennan**, Indiana U

**Ariel Sincoff-Yedid**, Indiana U–De-Essentializing Standpoint: Reconsidering the Orientalist Legacy in the Study of Islam, Gender, and Sexuality  
**Masha Kirasirova**, New York U Abu Dhabi–Middle Eastern Women in Soviet Archives: New Sources and Questions  
**Merve Kutuk**, SOAS U London–In Defense of Identity: A Muslim Feminist Perspective  
**Melinda Brennan**, Indiana U–Disciplining Strangers: The Figure of ‘Terrorist’ as an Anti-Progressive Tale

**(3803) Merchants in the Ottoman Empire**  
 Organized by **Suraiya Faruqi** and **Said Salih Kaymakci**

Chair: **Gabor Agoston**, Georgetown U  
 Discussant: **Ariel Salzmann**, Queen’s U

**Tommaso Stefani**, Yale U–Ottoman Merchants in Dispute with the Republic of Venice in the Early Modern Era: Toward a Reappraisal of the Bilateral Nature of the Capitulations  
**Suraiya Faruqi**, Istanbul Bilgi U–Acem Tüccarı in the Ottoman Domains  
**Uzeyir Serdar Serdaroglu**, Istanbul U–An Ottoman-English Merchant in Tanzimat Era: Henry James Hanson and His Position in Ottoman Commercial Life  
**Said Salih Kaymakci**, Georgetown U–The Sultan’s Merchants, the Merchant’s Sultan: Beratlı Avrupa Tüccarı in the Last Years of the Classical Age (1835-1839)  
**Sedat Albayrak**, Marmara U–Legal Disputes of Musta’mān Merchants at the Sharia Courts of Istanbul in 17th Century

**(3875) Anthropology of Everyday Contradictions and Mediations in Turkey’s Kurdistan**  
 Organized by **Firat Bozcali**, **Omer Ozcan**, **Dilan Yildirim**, and **Cagri Yoltar**

Discussant: **Narges Erami**, Yale U

**Firat Bozcali**, Stanford U–Materials and Moralities of Smuggling: Moral Economy of the Kurdish Border-Trade across Turkey and Iran  
**Cagri Yoltar**, Duke U–A Tale of Two Strikes: Moralities of Kurdish Struggle and Municipal Labor Politics in Turkey’s Kurdistan  
**Omer Ozcan**, U Texas Austin–Smuggling at “Peace”: The Peace Process and “Smuggling” in a Border Town of Turkey’s Kurdistan  
**Dilan Yildirim**, Harvard U–Disobedient Mountains and Rivers of Revolt: Insurgency and Counter-Insurgency by the Other Means in Turkish Kurdistan

**(3900) Commerce and Obligation in the Indian Ocean and Mediterranean, c. 1850-1950**  
 Organized by **Fahad A. Bishara**

Chair: **Fahad A. Bishara**, Col of William and Mary/Harvard U

**Omar Cheta**, Bard Col–Merchants, Bureaucrats and the Question of Commercial Debt in the Nineteenth Century  
**Will Hanley**, Florida State U–Egypt’s Petty Moneylenders as Makers of International Law  
**Fahad A. Bishara**, Col of William and Mary/Harvard U–The Most Enduring Obligation: Debt, Personhood and Commerce in the Nineteenth-Century Western Indian Ocean  
**Fadzilah Yahaya**, Washington U St. Louis–Powers that Bind: Tracing the Impact of Powers of Attorney in the Indian Ocean from 1880-1970

**(3924) Qajar and Ottoman States: Visions and Structures**

**Leila Pourtavaf**, U Toronto–Re-imagining Domesticities: Affective Bonds and Familial Relationships in Nasser Al-Din Shah’s Harem  
**Maziar Behrooz**, San Francisco State U–Iran at War: An Examination of the Military Aspect of the Second Russo-Iranian War

**Thomas Kuehn**, Simon Fraser U–Reconsidering Autonomy in Late Ottoman Governance: The Case of Yemen, 1872-1919  
**Assef Ashraf**, Yale U–Provincial Politics and the Early Qajar State  
**Nora Barakat**, UC Berkeley–Rethinking Legal Pluralism: Late Ottoman Administration and Land Politics in Hamidian Syria

**(3928) Biopolitics, Public Health, and Morality in Turkey and Iran**

Chair: **Abdulhamit Arvas**, Michigan State U

**Ayşe Toksoz**, U Washington–Of Consent Forms and Fingerprints: Patient’s Right to Privacy in Turkey  
**Emine Ö. Evered**, Michigan State U–Medicine over Morality: Medicalized Arguments in the Debate over Alcohol in Early Republican Turkey  
**Kyle T. Evered**, Michigan State U–Mapping Provinces and Populations: Socio-Medical Geographies of the Early Turkish Republic  
**Yasin Tunc**, U Wisconsin Madison–Traveling Biopolitics: Mental Hygiene Movement and Disciplining the Mind, Turkey, 1920-1950  
**Hajipouran Benam Cigdem**, Boston U–Between Europeanization, Biopolitics and Islam: Securitizing Public Health in Turkey

**(3934) Missionaries and Converts**

Chair: **Heather N. Keaney**, Westmont Col

**Faith J. Childress**, Rockhurst U–Converting Missionaries: Shifting Missionary Perspectives on the Kemalist Regime  
**Aurelie Perrier**, Georgetown U–The Conversion of the First Mauresque: Gender and Religion in 19th-Century French Algeria  
**Zeynep Turkyilmaz**, Dartmouth Col–“Muslims Should also Enjoy Freedom of Religion”: Muslim Converts Between Protestant Missionaries and the Ottoman State (1856-1877)  
**Devrim Umit**, Karabuk U, Turkey–The American Protestant Missionary Network in Late Ottoman Era



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### (3940) Space, Gender, and the Civil War in Lebanese Literature

Chair: **Mohammad Salama**, San Francisco State U

**Maya Anbar Aghasi**, Notre Dame U  
Louaize–The Narrating Eye: Identity as a Structure of Vision and Its Problems: Etel Adnan's *Sitt Marie Rose*

**Khaled Al-Masri**, Swarthmore Col–The Limits of Masculinity: Sexuality and Male Disability in Alawiyya Subuh's *Dunya*  
**Kifah Hanna**, Trinity Col–Writing the Body in Lebanese War Literature  
**Judith Naeff**, U Amsterdam–Imagining Imminent Erasure in Beirut  
**Samira Aghacy**, Lebanese American U–Gendering Spatial Trajectories in the Contemporary Lebanese Novel

### (3950) Energy Economy, Energy Politics: Oil, Phosphates, Nuclear

Chair: **Robert D. Lee**, Colorado Col

**Sang Hyun Song**, U Utah–The Structural Changes in the World Oil Market During the 1980s and Their Influence on Saudi Oil Policy

**Claudie Fioroni**, Graduate Inst of International and Development Studies–Reshaping Rulers–Ruled Relationship in Jordan: Privatization and Protests at the Phosphate Mine Company

**Noah Haiduc-Dale**, Centenary Col–Fishing in Oil: Traditional Sustenance in a Resource Economy

**Reza Yeganeh**, UC Irvine–Iran's New Generation of Oil and Gas Contacts: A Historical Mistrust vs. Actual Needs for Foreign Investment

**Vittorio Felci**, Lund U–Western Europe and the Origins of the Iranian Nuclear Program

### (3951) Medieval Maps, Music, and Mysticism

Chair: **Rebecca R. Williams**, U of South Alabama

**Lisa Nielson**, Case Western Reserve U–Concerning Music and Musical Instruments: References to Music in a 15th Century Collection of Anti-Sama' Treatises

**Pooriya Alimoradi**, U Toronto–Two Kinds of Wisdom in Suhrawardi's *'Aql-i Surkh* and in Zoroastrian Literature

**Nader Sayadi**, U Wisconsin Milwaukee–An Interpretation of Medieval Islamic Geographical Representations: Two Types of Settlement Network in Al-Istakhri's *Al-masalik wAl-mamalik*

**Kaveh Hemmat**, U Chicago–Poetry, Authorial Presence, and the Construction of a Public in the *Khatāynāmah* (*Book of China*)

### (3959) Art, Performance, and Politics

Chair: **Nadia G. Yaqub**, UNC Chapel Hill

**Mahnia A. Nematollahi Mahani**, Leiden U–The Path to Salvation: Poetry of Sacred Defense During the Iran and Iraq War (1980s)

**Maral Yessayan**, Dartmouth Col–Staging Modernity: Dance, Dress, and Political Legitimacy

**Samer Al-Saber**, Davidson Col–Permission to Perform: Il/Legal Censorship in Jerusalem

**Upa Mesbahian**, King's Col London–The Other Side of a Mountain: Romantic Roots of a Revolutionary Song

### (3962) Logics and Legitimacy in State Formation

Chair: **Michael C. Hudson**, Georgetown U

**Aaron Faust**, Independent Scholar–The Creation of Husseini Ba'thism

**James Hollo**, Northwestern U in Qatar–Material Needs and Cultural Retention: Legitimation Strategies in Qatar and the UAE

**Kocijan Bojana**, Central European U–A Tool for Regime's Survival? Pluralist Discourse in Non-Democracies: Comparative Analysis of Leaders' Discourse in the Middle East

**Jessie Moritz**, Australian National U–Nationalism, Loyalty and Dissent: A Comparative Study of Reformist Movements in Bahrain and Oman Since 2011

**Trevor Johnston**, U Michigan Ann Arbor–Divide and Distribute: Spatial Segregation and Authoritarian Distribution in Qatar

**Ilyas Saliba**, Social Science Center Berlin & Humboldt U–The International Dimension of Authoritarian (In)Stability?: Conceptualizing and Tracing the Effects of Authoritarian Learning During the Arab Uprisings

### (3970) Monarchy and the Modern: New Research Findings

Chair: **Suheir Abu Oksa Daoud**, Coastal Carolina U

**Susan Kippels**, Sheikh Saud bin Saqr Al Qasimi Foundation for Policy Research–The Status of Arab Migrant Teachers in the United Arab Emirates and Qatar  
**Mohamed Daadaoui**, Oklahoma City U–Of Monarchs and Protest Movements: The Case of the February 20th Movement in Morocco

**Zahra Babar**, Georgetown U SFS-Q–Arabs and Asians in Qatar: Who Does the Dirty Work?

**Leila DeVriese**, Hamline U and **Heleanna Mathioudis**, Hamline U–A Tale of Two Monarchies: A Comparative Study of Contentious Spaces and Renegotiation of the Social Contract in Morocco and Bahrain  
**Gayatri Kumar**, New York U–Of Expats and NRIs: Subject Formation at the Intersection of State Logics in Oman

## IIAM-IPM Tuesday November 25

### (3680) Texts and Contexts in Pre-Modern Shi'ism

Organized by **Mushegh Asatryan**

Chair: **Sean Anthony**, U Oregon

Discussant: **Najam Haider**, Barnard Col/ Columbia U

**Bella Tendler**, Yeshiva U–The Nuṣayrī ('Alawite) Wine Drinking Ritual and the Iranian Milieu

**Mushegh Asatryan**, Independent Researcher–The “Ghulat Corpus” and Its Authors

**Samer Traboulsi**, UNC Asheville–If Rice Were a Man: Twelver and Ismā'īlī Reception of Early Imāmī Ḥadīths

**Hussein Abdulsater**, American U Beirut–Sectarian History and the Straitjacket of Theology

### (3716) The Art of Islamic Media: Technology and the Sacred

Organized by **Ellen McLarney**

**Ellen McLarney**, Duke U–Islamic Adab: Technologies of Imagining and Envisioning the Sacred

**Hatim El-Hibri**, New York U–Mleeta and Mediation: The Hizballah ‘Museum of the Resistance’ and the Aesthetics of Open Secrets

**Narges Bajoghli**, New York U–The Basij and Revolutionary Guards as Media Makers

**Jeanette S. Jouili**, Col of Charleston–Idhan on Auto-Tune?: British Islamic Hip Hop and Controversies on Using Modern Sound Technologies

**Wazhmah Osman**, Temple U– Conflict-ing Visions: TV, Islam, and the Afghan Culture Wars

### (3731) Making Sense of Sound in Middle Eastern History

Organized by **G. Carole Woodall** and **Andrea L. Stanton**

Discussant: **Deborah A. Kapchan**, New York U

**G. Carole Woodall**, U Colorado Colorado Springs–Listening for Early Jazz in 1920s Istanbul

**Ida Meftahi**, Pennsylvania State U–Historicizing the “Piety” of Sound and Movement on the Post-Revolutionary Iranian Stage

**Andrea L. Stanton**, U Denver–Audio Quality and Technological Innovations: Marketing Radio Sets and Gramophones in Lebanon and Palestine, 1930s-1940s

**Camron Michael Amin**, U Michigan Dearborn–Creating Private and Public Radio Space in Mid-20th Century Iran

**Ziad Fahmy**, Cornell U–Listening to the Streets: Noise, Sounds and the Cries of Street Hawkers in Interwar Egypt

### (3739) Reframing Refugees: Immigrants and Settlement Policies in the Late Ottoman Empire and Early Republican Turkey

Organized by **Vladimir Troyansky**

Chair: **Michael Reynolds**, Princeton U

Discussant: **James H. Meyer**, Montana State U

**Vladimir Troyansky**, Stanford U–Writing Refugee Voices into History: North Caucasus Immigrants in the Ottoman Empire

**Owen Miller**, Columbia U–Interpreting Violence in Ottoman Cilicia

**Ella Fratantuono**, Michigan State U–Unsettling Environments: Health and Mobility Among Ottoman Immigrants

**Ellinor Morack**, Hebrew U Jerusalem–“For the Benefit of the State and the People”: The Politics of Property Compensation in Izmir, 1925-1928

### (3753) Subaltern Narratives of the Uprisings in North Africa: Views from Egypt, Morocco, and Tunisia

Organized by **Lucia Sorbera** and **Gennaro Gervasio**

Chair/Discussant: **Holger Albrecht**, American U Cairo

**Lucia Sorbera**, U Sydney–Writing a Feminist History of the 2011 Egyptian Uprisings: Ethnography of a Continuing Revolution

**Sami Zemni**, Ghent U and **Koenraad Bogaert**, Ghent U–The Arab Revolts and Their History: Geographies of Protest in Morocco and Tunisia

**Gennaro Gervasio**, British U Egypt–The Egyptian Revolution(s) and the Emergence of New Subaltern Subjects

**Stephen Urgola**, American U Cairo–“University on the Square: Documenting Egypt’s 21st Century Revolution,” A Community-Based Archival Project

**Habib Ayeub**, U Paris 8 à St. Denis – Revolution in Tunisia: From Marginality to Resistances and Revolution

### (3778) Breaking Shackles of the Traditional Classroom

Organized by **Raghda El-Essawi**

**Hebatalah Salem**, American U Cairo–Beyond Classroom Borders Through Community Learning: Challenges and Benefits

**Laila Al-Sawi**, American U Cairo–Classroom Swap: From Passive to Active Learning

**Rasha Essam**, American U Cairo–Addressing Complexities of Teaching Arabic Online

**Raghda El-Essawi**, American U Cairo–Flipping the Traditional Classroom

### (3794) Challenging Definitions of Sovereignty: Domestic Politics, Political Ideologies and International Law in the Middle East from 1974-2014

Organized by **Caroleen Marji Sayej**

Chair: **Sabri Ates**, Southern Methodist U

**Caroleen Marji Sayej**, Connecticut Col–From the War on Terror to the Shiite Crescent: How Grand Narratives Translate into Grand Strategies

**Michael Gasper**, Occidental Col–‘I Worked for the Militia’s Civil Authority and the State’: Narratives of Sovereignty in Wartime Lebanon

**Dalia Fahmy**, Long Island U–The Rise and Fall of the Muslim Brotherhood: Mapping the Political Behavior of an Islamist Party

**Hussein Banai**, Occidental Col–Sovereign Pariah: Iran’s Prerogatives as an Islamic Republic

### Roundtable

### (3810) New Approaches to the Study of Lebanese Shi'ism

Organized by **Mara Leichtman**

Chair: **Rola El-Husseini**, CUNY Graduate Center

**Pascal Abidor**, McGill U

**Robert J. Riggs**, U Bridgeport

**Samer El-Karanshawy**, Qatar Faculty of Islamic Studies

**Rola El-Husseini**, CUNY Graduate Center

**Mara Leichtman**, Michigan State U

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### (3867) Urbanism and the Politics of the Mandate Period, Local versus Imperial Interests

Organized by **Harrison Guthorn**

Chair: **Elizabeth F. Thompson**, U Virginia

**Stephen Pascoe**, La Trobe U Australia—Creating a Modern Capital: Damascus Under the French Mandate

**Till Grallert**, Free U Berlin—To Whom Belong the Streets?: A Private Tramway Company, the Municipality, and the Populace of Late Ottoman Damascus and Their Competing Claims over the Meaning of “Public” Places

**Harrison Guthorn**, U Maryland—The Electrification of Amman: Local Interest versus Foreign Machinations

**Noah Hysler Rubin**, Bezalel Academy of Art and Design—Planning Palestine: British and Zionist Plans for Tiberius and Nathanya

### (3872) From Divan to Pera: The Transformation of Ottoman Literature in the 19th Century

Organized by **Didem Havlioglu**

**Didem Havlioglu**, Istanbul Sehir U—En/Gendering the Author: The Subcurrent of Ottoman Women’s Writing in the 19th Century

**Zeynep Seviner**, U Washington—Modest Means, Grand Ambitions: The Making of the Modern Ottoman Author

**Fatih Altug**, Istanbul Sehir U—Reception and Appropriation of Giritli Aziz Efendi’s *Muhayyelat* in the Nineteenth Century

**Mehmet Uslu**, Istanbul Sehir U—Ottoman Armenian Novel and Zabel Yessayan

### (3893) Public Opinion in the Middle East

Organized by **Yael Zeira**

Discussant: **Amaney Jamal**, Princeton U

**Peter Krause**, Boston Col—The Impact of Education on Attitudes About Terrorism and U.S. Foreign Policy in the Middle East

**Chantal Berman**, Princeton U—Revolutionary Coalition Fragmentation and Post-Revolutionary Protest: Evidence from a Protest Survey in Tunisia

**Yael Zeira**, U Mississippi—International Recognition and Popular Support for Violence

**Devorah Manekin**, Arizona State U—Carrots and Sticks: Policy Instruments and Public Opinion in the Israeli-Palestinian Conflict

### (3902) Nationalism and Islam in Post-Revolutionary Iran: Discourses of Development and Defense

Organized by **Annie Tracy Samuel**

**Ariane Tabatabai**, Harvard Kennedy School—Religion and Nationalism in Iran’s Nuclear Narrative

**Eric Lob**, Florida International U—The Iranian Construction Jihad: Islam and Nationalism in Post-Revolutionary Developmental and Political Discourse

**Annie Tracy Samuel**, Harvard Kennedy School and Tel Aviv U—Sacred Defense: Islam and Nationalism in the Iran-Iraq War

**Payam Mohseni**, Harvard U—Indigenizing Islam: The Nationalist Dimension of the Islamization of the Social Sciences in Iran

### (3919) Palestinian Resistance: Spaces and Standpoints

Chair: **Timothy Schorn**, U South Dakota

**Timothy Seidel**, American U—Narrating Nonviolence: Postcolonial Interrogations of Resistance in Palestine

**Maya Rosenfeld**, Hebrew U Jerusalem—The Movement of Palestinian Political Prisoners and the Struggle Against the Israeli Occupation: A Historical Perspective

**Sharri Plonski**, SOAS U London—Transcending Bounded Space: The Struggle for Land and Space by the Palestinian Citizens of Israel

**Julie Norman**, McGill U—Prisoners Dilemma?: Prison-Based Resistance and the Diffusion of Activism in Palestine

**Maryam Griffin**, UC Santa Barbara—Movement as/and Non-Movement in Palestine

### (3929) Kurdistan(s) in Conflict

Chair: **Suheir Abu Oksa Daoud**, Costal Carolina U

**Daniel Meier**, CNRS-PACTE—Disputed Territories in KRG: A National Identity Issue

**Zeki Sarigil**, Bilkent U—Inter-ethnic Tolerance in Turkey: Turks vs. Kurds

**Kawa Morad**, U Exeter—(Dis)Placing Bodies: Syrian Kurdish Refugees in Iraqi Kurdistan

**Thomas Schmidinger**, U Vienna—Rojava (Syrian-Kurdistan) as a Borderland in Civil War

### (3935) Crime, Law, and Punishment: The Ottoman and Egyptian Cases

Chair: **Roger A. Deal**, U South Carolina Aiken

**Deniz Dolek Sever**, Middle East Technical U—Public Order, Crime and Punishment in Istanbul, 1914–1918

**Ali Atabey**, U Arizona—The Socioeconomics of Punishment: Ta’zir in the Ottoman Legal Culture

### (3943) New Horizons of Diaspora Migration I

Chair: **Dinah Assouline Stillman**, U Oklahoma

**Henriette Dahan Kalev**, Ben Gurion U—Women’s Strategies of Migration from the Maghreb to France and to the UK

**Jessica Emami**, George Mason U—Persia on a Platter: The Nostalgic Cultural Imaginary of Sima Kabab House

**Navid Fozi**, Fulbright Scholar, U of Malaya—Emergent Pluralism in a Fragmented and Polarized Diaspora: The Politics of Iranian Diasporic Identity Formation in Malaysia

**Denise Jenison**, Kent State U—“American Citizens of Arabic-Speaking Stock”: The Institute of Arab American Affairs and Questions of Identity in the Debate over Palestine

**Eren Tatari**, Rollins Col—Comparing the Political Integration of Turks, Moroccans and Palestinians in Orlando

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### (3963) The State, Property, and Development

Chair: **Bilal Humeidan**, Allegheny Col

**Bessma Momani**, U Waterloo–Arab Gulf Investments into Non-Inclusive Urban Development in the Middle East: Social Exclusion and Frustration

**Sarah Ghabrial**, McGill U–Law of the Land: Women’s Inheritance Rights in Algerian Colonial Courts, 1880–1930

**Somia Zenasni**, U Tlemcen–Arab Maghreb Countries: Implications of Financial Integration in an Era of Economic and Political Stress

**Sylvie Janssens**, Ghent U–The “State” of Property in Azraq, Jordan

**Joe Florence**, Cornell U–The Authoritarian Dilemma in the Age of Financial Globalization: Elite Coalition Politics in the Middle East and North Africa

### (3964) Contestations and Disruptions in Urban Space

Chair: **Kenneth L. Brown**, Méditerranéens

**Mervat Youssef**, Grinnell Col–The Changing Face of Tahrir Square: The Egyptian Uprising and the Contestation over Public Space

**Maayan Hilell**, Tel Aviv U–“Disrupting the Social Order”: Palestinian Women in Public Spaces During the Mandate Period

**Alma Khasawnih**, U Washington Seattle–Re-articulating Citizenship and History: Graffiti Art as Site of Negotiation in Cairo’s Arab Spring

**Craig Larkin**, King’s Col London–Jabal Mohsen in War and Pieces: The Urban Geopolitics of Lebanon’s Alawi Enclave

### (3980) Exploring Social Practices in the Medieval Middle East

Chair: **Mohamed Gamal Abdelmonem**, Queen’s U Belfast

**Najm Al-Din Yousefi**, CSU Chico–Confusion and Consent: Land Tax Laws and Policies of the Early Islamic State (640–810 CE)

**Sharon Silzell**, U Texas Austin–Sanctity and Sacrilege: Qur’an Codices in the Twelfth-Century Material Landscape

**Maxim Romanov**, Tufts U–Exploring Islamic Written Legacy: Computational Reading of Hadiyyat Al-’Arifin

**Eve Krakowski**, Yale U–Reconstructing Dhimmī Court Practices Under the Fatimids and Ayyubids: The Case of Judicial Certifications (Thubūt)

**Munther Al-Sabbagh**, UC Santa Barbara–The Business of Companionship: Re-evaluating the Significance of “Suhba” Business Relations in the Late Medieval Near East

### (3987) Ottoman Transformations at the End of an Empire

Chair: **Sara Scalenghe**, Loyola U Maryland

**Elizabeth Wolfson**, Brown U–Encounters with Modernity: Photography and Educational Reform in the Late Ottoman Period

**Melis Hafez**, Virginia Commonwealth U–Morality in the Age of Nation-States: Can We Talk About Islamic Work Ethics in the Ottoman Long Nineteenth Century?

**Avner Wishnitzer**, Tel Aviv U–Beneath the Mustache: A History of Facial Hair in the Late Ottoman Middle East

**Sinan Dincer**, Leiden U–Tailoring Subjecthood: The Ottoman Case

Thematic  
Conversation

### (3988) Knowledge Production in the Middle East: Writing, Publishing and Translations

Organized by **Maggie Nassif**

Session Leader: **Maggie Nassif**, Binational Fulbright Commission in Egypt

**May Telmissany**, U Ottawa

**Hoda Elsadda**, Cairo U

**Michael Beard**, U North Dakota

### (4003) Arab Intellectual Thought: Other Directions, Part II

Organized by **Muhsin J. Al-Musawi** and **Yasmine Khayyat**

Chair: **Tarek El-Ariss**, U Texas Austin

Discussant: **Muhsin J. Al-Musawi**, Columbia U

**Aziz Shaibani**, Baylor Col of Medicine–The Advent of Psychology in Iraq: Nuri Jafar’s Theory of Originality

**Annie Greene**, U Chicago–Multi-lingualism and Multiple Modernities: Ma’ruf Al-Rusafi, the Private Press, and the Iraqi Nahda

**Elliott Colla**, Georgetown U–I Used to Be a Communist: Re-Reading Al-Sayyab’s Memoir

**Roundtable**

**(3642) Technology in the Online and On-Ground Middle East Studies Classroom**

Organized by **Kristi N. Barnwell**

**Kristi N. Barnwell**, U Illinois Springfield  
**Somy Kim**, Boston U  
**Victoria Hightower**, U North Georgia  
**Jill Crystal**, Auburn U

**(3683) Women, Gender and Masculinities in Post-Colonial Tunisia**

Organized by **Amy Kallander**

Discussant: **Nouri Gana**, UCLA

**Simon Hawkins**, U Arkansas Little Rock—Covered Ambiguities: Undermining the Religious–Secular Clothing Binary in Tunisia

**Douja Mamelouk**, U Tennessee Knoxville—Narrating Revolution: Contesting Masculinities

**Amy Kallander**, Syracuse U—“Women and Social Evolution”: The Centrality of Women to Narratives of Tunisian Modernity

**Claire T. Oueslati-Porter**, Florida International U—Managing Masculinity: A Political Economic Approach to Gender and Class in an Export Processing Zone Factory in Binzart, Tunisia

**Jessica Gerschultz**, U Kansas—Gender, Labor, and the “Decorative” in École de Tunis Iconography

**(3720) Human (In)Security in the Maghreb: Power, Governance, and the Limits of Democratization**

Organized by **William Lawrence**

**Yahia Zoubir**, KEDGE Business School, France—The Dynamics of Security Relations in North Africa: The Effects of the Arab Revolts

**Bruce Maddy-Weitzman**, Tel Aviv U—Insecurity on the Periphery: Socio-Economic Grievances and the Amazigh Movement in Morocco

**Astrid Evrensel**, UNOAU—Elections and Unconstitutional Changes of Government in North Africa in the Post-Arab Revolts: A Practitioner’s Perspective

**William Lawrence**, George Washington U—Responsibility to Protect, Subalternity, and Human (In)Security in Libya and Beyond Since 2011

**Ricardo Rene Laremont**, Binghamton U SUNY—After the Fall of Qaddafi: Political, Economic, and Security Consequences for Libya, Mali, Niger, and Algeria

**(3754) New Narrative Dimensions of the Arab Uprisings**

Organized by **Nathaniel Greenberg**

Chair: **Suha Kudsieh**, Col of Staten Island CUNY

**Said Graiouid**, U Mohammed V & School for International Training—Between Nashwa and Iibat: Emotional Perceptions of the Arab Uprisings

**Omar Al-Ghazzi**, U Pennsylvania—Omar Al-Mukhtar in the 2011 Uprising: Reimagining the Libyan Anticolonial Moment

**Ken Seigneurie**, Simon Fraser U—The Forms and Implications of Discursive Hybridity in the Levant Today

**Alexa Firat**, Temple U—New Papers on an Old Theme: Awraq and the Re-formation of the Syrian Writers’ Collective

**Nathaniel Greenberg**, Northern Michigan U—Abu ‘Ayadh: l’homme révolté [or the Discourse on Terrorism in Tunisia]

**(3814) Beyond Borderlands: Trans-regional Networks of Violence, Entangled Sovereignties, and State-Formation in the Ottoman Mediterranean on Land and Sea, c. 1600-1900**

Organized by **Tolga U. Esmer** and **Will Smiley**

**Leslie Peirce**, New York U—Internal Frontiers in Anatolia and the Reign of Violence

**Joshua M. White**, U Virginia—Subjecthood and Illegal Human Trafficking in the Early Modern Ottoman Mediterranean: “Slave Laundering” Networks Between the Balkans and North Africa

**Tolga U. Esmer**, Central European U—Criminals’ Policing Empire: Trans-regional Networks of Violence, Governance, and Confessional cum Ethnic Boundaries in the Ottoman Nineteenth Century

**Molly Greene**, Princeton U—Looking for the Balkan Bandit

**Will Smiley**, Princeton U—Privateers, Belligerents, and Neutrals: International Law and Maritime Networks of Violence in the Ottoman Aegean, 1770-1830

**(3816) Re-Imagining the Nation in the Arabian Peninsula**

Organized by **Jocelyn Sage Mitchell** and **Natalie Koch**

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**Association for Gulf Arabian Peninsula Studies (AGAPS)**

Chair: **Mary Ann Reed Tetreault**, Trinity U  
Discussant: **Neha Vora**, Lafayette Col

**Natalie Koch**, Syracuse U—“Building Glass Refrigerators in the Desert”: Urban Sustainability and Nationalism in Qatar  
**Martin Ledstrup**, U Southern Denmark—The ‘When’, Not the ‘What’, of Emirati National Identity

**Jocelyn Sage Mitchell**, Northwestern U—Qatar—Re-Imagining Al Zubarah: Competing National Narratives in Qatar and Bahrain

**Sean Foley**, Middle Tennessee State U—“No Woman, No Drive”: Telfaz11, the Saudi Arts Movement, and National Identity in the Twenty-First Century

**Scott Weiner**, George Washington U—Family First: Nation Building and the Endurance of Authoritative Kinship in the Arab Gulf

**(3822) Middle East Studies in Latin America: An Interdisciplinary Perspective**

Organized by **Camila Pastor de Maria y Campos** and **Marta Tawil**

**Gilberto Conde**, Col of Mexico—50 years of Middle East Studies at Mexico’s CEAA  
**Camila Pastor de Maria y Campos**, CIDE—Historical Anthropology of Middle East Studies in Latin America

**Paulo G. Hilu Pinto**, Federal Fluminense U—Brazilian Orientalism and the Institutionalization of Arab Studies in Brazil

**Marta Tawil**, Col of Mexico—The Study of the Middle East by International Relations Scholars and Students in Mexican Universities

**(3825) Understanding Syria's Political, Social and Strategic (Dis)Order: An Interdisciplinary Reflection from the Social Sciences**

Organized by **Leila Marie Rebecca Vignal** and **Marwa Daoudy**

Chair/Discussant: **Fred H. Lawson**, Mills Col

**Reinoud Leenders**, King's Col London—The Syrian Uprising and the Origins of Violence

**Marwa Daoudy**, Georgetown U—Reality Meets Theory: Syria's "New" International Relations

**Yasser Munif**, Emerson Col—Participatory Democracy and Nation Building in a Liberated City in Northern Syria

**Matthieu Rey**, Col of France—Long Term and Short Term Syrian History in the Current Events

**Leila Marie Rebecca Vignal**, Rennes-2 U, France—Territorial Dynamics of the Syrian Conflict

**(3841) Peripheral Lebanon: Reconsidering Narratives and Dynamics of the Early Independence Period (1943-1955)**

Organized by **Ziad M. Abu-Rish**

Discussant: **Nadya J. Sbaiti**, Smith Col

**Linda Sayed**, New York U—Education and Re-Configuring South Lebanon in the Nation-State

**Dylan Baun**, U Arizona—The Gemayzeh Incident of 1949: Conflict over Physical and Imaginary Space in Beirut

**Ziad M. Abu-Rish**, Ohio U—Public Utilities, Foreign Concessions, and the Political Economy of Early Independence Lebanon

**Tsolin Nalbantian**, Leiden U—Citizenship and National Belonging: Lebanese Press Coverage of Armenian "Repatriation," 1945-1948

**(3844) Material Science: Rethinking Ideas and Practice in the History of Science and Medicine in the Middle East**

Organized by **Ahmed Ragab** and **Jennifer Derr**

Chair/Discussant: **Sherine Hamdy**, Brown U

**Ahmed Ragab**, Harvard U—The Tale of New Medicine: Medical Encounters in the Eighteenth-Nineteenth Century Middle East

**Jennifer Derr**, UC Santa Cruz—Troubling Medical Practice: Bilharzia in Egypt Between Two World Wars

**Hibba Abugideiri**, Villanova U—Does Empire Always Strike Back?: Complicating Egyptian Agency in the Making of Colonial Medicine

**Tal Arbel**, Harvard U—Self-Government for the Fittest: Stuart C. Dodd and the Internationalization of Public Opinion Research

**(3855) Challenging Places: Cartographic and Affective Re-Mapping in Social and Environmental Projects**  
Organized by **Kate McClellan** and **Emily McKee**

Discussant: **Mandana Limbert**, Queens Col CUNY

**Karen Culcasi**, West Virginia U—Disordered Ordering: Mapping the Divisions of the Ottoman Empire

**Sophia Stamatopoulou-Robbins**, Columbia U/Bard Col—Greening Palestine

**Jessica E. Barnes**, U South Carolina—Nile Futures: Modeling the Impacts of Climate Change

**Emily McKee**, Northern Illinois U—Turbulent Waterworlds: Re-Mapping Rights and Responsibilities Along the Jordan River

**Kate McClellan**, Mississippi State U—Sacred Natures: Mapping Islamic Landscapes in Jordan and Lebanon's Hima Conservation Movement

**(3927) The AKP in Turkish Politics**

Chair: **John M. VanderLippe**, New School for Social Research

**Gamze Cavdar**, Colorado State U—AKP Governments and Women in Turkey

**Derya Kömürcü**, Yıldız Technical U and **Fulya Atacan**, Yıldız Technical U—Party and Youth Organization: The Case of the JDP and the RPP in Turkey

**Mine Eder**, Boğaziçi U—The Politics of Social Spending Under AKP Rule in Turkey

**(3930) Egyptian Collective Identity: Imagination and Practices**

Chair: **Carter V. Findley**, Ohio State U

**Adam Mestyan**, Harvard U—Arab Monarchical Patriotism, 1831-1914

**Zeinab A. Abul-Magd**, Oberlin Col/American U Cairo—Militarizing the Nation: Army, Business, and Revolution in Egypt

**Il-kwang Sung**, Konk U, South Korea—Inventing Islamic Hero: The Sultan Qutuz in 'Ali Ahmad Bakathir's Novel *Wa Islamah*

**Levi Thompson**, UCLA—The Modern Crisis in Najib Mahfuz's *Al-Qahirah Al-Jadidah* (*Cairo Modern*)

**(3937) Representations of Religion, Gender, and the Other in Modern Iranian Literature and Film**

Chair: **Firouzeh Dianat**, Howard Community Col

**Kenza Oumlil**, Al Akhawayn U—The Absent Presence of Masculinity in Shirin Neshat's Film *Women Without Men*

**Claudia Yaghoobi**, Georgia Col and State U—Despised, Yet Desired: Temporary Marriage in Ebrahim Golestan's *'Esmat's Journey*

**Mehrak Kamalisarvestani**, U Arizona—Literary Representations of the Interaction Between Questing for Modernity and Family Crisis in Post-Revolutionary Iran

**(3942) The Politics of Health and Social Policy**

Chair: **Meltem Turkoz**, Işık U

**Angel M. Foster**, Ibis Reproductive Health—Reproductive Health and Rights in Post-Revolution Tunisia

**Shabnam Masoumzadeh**, Golden Gate U—Children Out of Wedlock and Birth Registration Obstacle in Iran



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### (3944) New Horizons of Diaspora Migration II

Chair: **Moha Ennaji**, International Inst for Languages and Cultures at Fez, Morocco

**Amy Malek**, UCLA–Strategically Mobilizing Iranian Culture: The Development of Diasporic Citizenship in Toronto and Beyond

**Eda Dedevas Dundar**, U Nevada Reno–The Immigrant Food and “Trans-memory” of Home in Diana Abu-Jaber’s *The Language of Baklava* and Elif Shafak’s *Honor*

**Cyrus Contractor**, U Houston–Telling and Retelling Karbala: The Transnational Effect of the Use of Shi’a Narratives on Political and Social Participation Amongst Shi’as in the United States

**Noha Ghaly**, U New Mexico–International Muslim Students in U.S. Higher Education

### (3949) Transnational Cultural Production

Chair: **Zeynep Seviner**, U Washington

**Suncem Kocer**, Kadir Has U–Kurdish Cinema as a Transnational Homeland

**Mohammed Hirchi**, Colorado State U–Tangiers and the Dynamics of the Borderland in the Era of Globalization

**Anders Ackfeldt**, Lund U–Staging Islam in Music Videos: The Case of “Paid in Full”

**Isra Ali**, Rutgers, State U of New Jersey–Adaptation: Cultural Alliances and Television Production in Israel and the United States

**Robert Lang**, U Hartford–Ari Folman’s *Waltz with Bashir*: Whose Trauma?

### (3958) Ottoman, Iranian, and Arab Intellectual Currents

Chair: **Abdurrahman Atcil**, İstanbul Behir U

**Serdar Poyraz**, Missouri State U–Beşir Fuad (1852-1887), the First Ottoman Philosophical Materialist: His Life, Works and Ideas

**Karim Barakat**, Duquesne U–Al-Jabri’s Rational Historicism

**Aaron Scott Johnson**, Missouri Valley Col–The Neglected Ottomanism of Ali Suavi Effendi

**Dilyara Agisheva**, Georgetown U–Ibn Kemāl on Certainty and the Ottoman Theological Debates in the 16th Century

### (3977) Religious and Philosophical Issues

Chair: **Fatima Sadiqi**, International Inst for Languages and Cultures

**Sohaira Siddiqui**, Georgetown U–Constructing the Sharī‘a Beyond the Text: A Thesis of Decline

**Avigail Noy**, Harvard U–Some Clarifications on the Term Bayān

**Abbas Poya**, U Erlangen Nuremberg–The Concept of Justice in Medieval Islam

**Erica Machulak**, Notre Dame U–Imaginations Translating ‘Imagination’: Arabic Science in Medieval Western Culture

**Emann Allebban**, McGill U–From Avicenna to ‘Abduh: Uses of Proofs of God in Medieval and Modern Thought

### (3983) States, Revolutions, and Violence

Chair: **Pinar Batur**, Vassar Col

**Konstantin Ash**, UC San Diego–Identity, Collective Memory and Civil Conflict Participation: Evidence from a Survey Experiment in Lebanon

**Mehair Kathem**, SOAS U London–Local Government Formation and the Unraveling of the Liberal Peace Project in Sadr City

**Maria-Louise Clausen**, Aarhus U–Can Decentralization Save the State in Yemen – and What Kind of State?

**Remi Piet**, Qatar U/UNEP–Determinants of Qatar’s Foreign Policy: Objectives, Processes and Institutions

**Julia Choucair-Vizoso**, Yale U–The Ties that Bind: Rethinking Ruling Coalitions in Iraq and Syria

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